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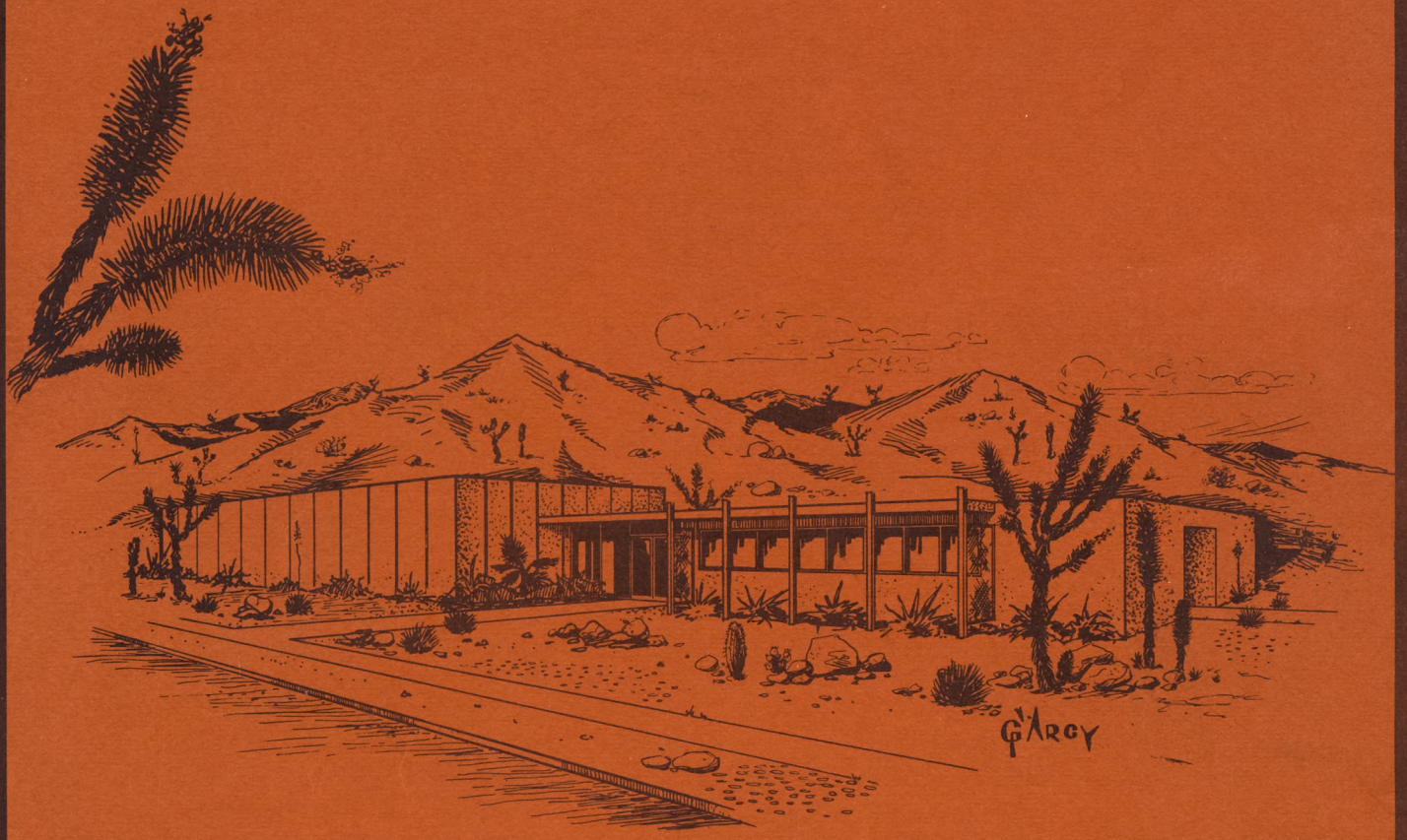

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May 19, 20 & 21, 1961

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11th ANNUAL
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
PRE-EVENT
SATURDAY, APRIL 28

8:00 P.M. Queen's Revue — Community Club
Yucca Valley Players.....Revue
Queen's Revue.....Music by Vi Ray's Orchestra

FRIDAY, MAY 19

6:00 P.M. Grand Opening
Parachute Jump — Airport

9:00 P.M. Street Dance and Mardi Gras
Queen's Coronation
APACHE TRAIL
Band —

SATURDAY, MAY 20
INDIAN ENCAMPMENT
Victorville Road North Side,
1/8 Mile North of 29 Palms Highway.

9:00 A.M. Parade — Twentynine Palms Highway
Starting Point — Kickapoo Trail
Ending — Acoma Trail

1. Colorado River Indian Tribes Band
2. March Air Force Base Band
3. U.S. Marine Band, 29 Palms
4. Salvation Army, Redlands and San Bernardino Area
5. 29 Palms High School Band, Majorettes Corps and others.

11:00 A.M. Parade Formation
Yucca Valley Lumber Co Area
Kickapoo — Twentynine Palms Highway

1:00-5:00 P.M. Special Exhibit for the Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital Inc., sponsored by the Yucca Valley Art Gallery.
Community Hall — Yucca Valley.

2:00 P.M. Airshow — Airport
Parachute Jump—John Luke of 29 Palms

5:00 P.M. Little League Ball Game
Adams Field — Mohawk Trail

SUNDAY. MAY 21

Attend the Church of your choice

2:00 P.M. — One-quarter Midget Races
Sponsored by Southern California Midget Association
Adams Field — Mohawk Trail

3:30 - 4:30 P.M. Yucca Valley Airport

H.D.M.H. Inc., Land Committee presents 1 hour of entertainment concluding with the drawing of the 4 beautiful lots.

6:00 P.M. Distribution of Trophies and Ribbons
Beard Contest
Parachute Jump — Airport

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A DREAM COME TRUE – A HOSPITAL

With a goal in sight, residents of the Hi-Desert, their families and friends have responded generously. Someday soon, a 24-bed hospital will be constructed here.

Nestled at the foot of the hills, overlooking the Valley, and surrounded by Joshua Trees, the facility will stand ready to ease pain, suffering, and bring hope to those who live in the Hi-Desert.

Thus far, the campaign to raise money for the construction has touched nearly all who live in the area. Innumerable potlucks, raffles, parties, dances, bake sales, dinners have been held . . . each adding to the total fund.

Those selling tickets to the various money-raising projects have been met graciously, and few people fail to respond.

The fact that site work has been started on the 20 acres of hospital ground gives evidence that the campaign has thus far been successful.

With financing practically assured, construction will soon start on the building.

But, lest residents think this is the end to money-raising projects, bear this in mind:

Payments on the loan will have to be met, the hospital will be in constant need of equipment, new additions will be planned.

The fact is, the hospital drive will never end.

While all hope the hospital will be self-supporting — and that is the intention of the Board of Directors — one continuous effort will be made to keep the doors open once the building is completed.

The idea of a continuing drive will not phase those who live in the Hi-Desert.

Their need of a hospital is so acute they have already shown that they will do their utmost to aid the project.

One of the most surprising parts of the three-year-long campaign is the number of persons contributing who do not live here. Many of them have no reason to believe they may some day use the hospital.

But this does not seem to enter the picture. Visitors give as gladly as those who make their home here. Perhaps some of the visitors plan to make the move here eventually, others seem to feel a hospital in any area is good insurance against the day they, themselves, might need emergency care.

Whatever their reasons, their contributions are greatly appreciated.

Once again, a major drive is being conducted. Tickets are being sold and the lucky winners will be awarded four choice lots on the Hi-Desert.

The tickets are being sold for $1 apiece. Some 60,000 of the Associate Membership cards already have been sent out.

The small charge for the card brings much in return.

1—It entitles the holder to an Associate Membership in the Hospital, Inc.

2—It provides four chances to own a lot in the Hi-Desert.

3—If enough are sold, it will build a hospital.

4—That hospital will save the lives of many persons.

Directors of the Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital, Inc. join in urging all who read this brochure, to aid in the campaign by purchasing these Associate Membership cards.

The success of the drive depends upon the support of everyone who lives in the area, all their friends, relatives and of visitors.

Whatever their contribution, be it small or large, it is needed now.

The nearest hospital is 20 miles away. In case of an emergency that 20 miles may be 15 miles to far away.

It is imperative that construction be started as soon as possible.

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With the support of all those who love the area and who have loved ones living here, the hospital will be built.

So much work, so many dollars and so many prayers already have made this a sure thing.

MISS FUTURE NURSE OF AMERICA

Miss Ruth Carolyn Schugmann

Miss Ruth Carolyn Schugmann, 17, daughter of Dr. Robert and Mary Schugmann, Marine Base, 29 Palms, has been awarded the $250 Golden Age Club Scholarship for Nurses training and the title of Miss Future Nurse of America for 1961.

Miss Schugmann, a senior of Twenty-Nine Palms High School was selected by members of the teaching staff for outstanding achievements. She is a member of the Girl's Athletic Association of the high school and has had training in speech and drama. Other interests include swimming, horseback riding and folk music.

The scholarship will be formally presented to the chosen student at high school graduation exercises. Miss Schugmann plans to enroll this fall in San Diego State College.

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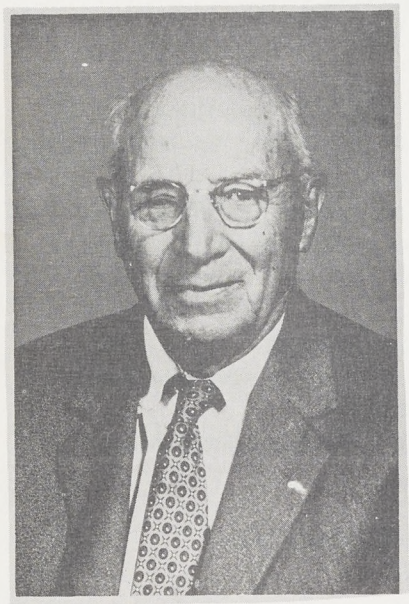

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HOSPITAL HISTORY

A hospital for the Hi-Desert.

How did it start? Whose idea was it? And who ever dreamed such a project could really succeed?

Well, no one seems to know exactly . . . it was sort of a community idea.

But the first recollection anyone has dates back to a Grubstake Days parade when Mrs. Harold Van Nest drove her makeshift ambulance in the parade. The converted station wagon carried the idea through main street.

From that point on, interest grew.

The first major fund-raising project, that of building a house, was conceived by Bud Stewart.

And here's how the hospital story started:

July 3, 1958 is a day which will be long remembered by those involved in fund-raising for the hospital. For that was the date when the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors approved the idea of constructing a house.

And what a house it turned out to be. Built with the labor and love of the entire town, it was a tourist mecca for months. And even today, residents still refer to it as "The Hospital House."

The entire Chamber of Commerce approved the construction idea at a general meeting July 10, 1958 and the work soon got under way.

Art Miller of Western Hills Estates donated the land and "bosses" for each phase of construction work were named. Materials and labor were donated, with only a bare minimum of building expense involved.

On Labor Day week-end, hundreds of workers showed up, worked around the clock in some cases, and at the close of the holiday, the house was finished.

Dorothy and Ernie Littlepage showed up and cooked pancakes by the hour for the crews working on the house.

No mention of the House Hospital could be made without recalling "Mr. and Mrs. Hospital" themselves. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gross earned the undying gratitude of the Hi-Desert with their faithful support of the project.

Long after the work on the house was completed, the couple remained on duty. For days, weeks and months they occupied the house during the day. They sold tickets, ushered visitors through, and pitched for money.

The long hours they spent earned them love, respect and gratitude of the townspeople.

By the time things wound up the expense sheet showed $40,380 in gross receipts; $7,937.13 cost of house; $7,031.41 promotional expense; $273.90 legal expense; $1,907 miscellaneous. Thus the venture netted the hospital fund a total of $23, 230.56, and the hospital was on its way to becoming a reality.

One of the important parts of the campaign to sell tickets was conducted by a group of women headed by Joan Wilson and Alice Bennett. The group mailed out a mimeographed letter to property owners, friends and relatives. Donations from this part of the drive alone, netted more than $8,000.00.

Climaxing the close of the first phase of the hospital drive was celebrated with a Round-Up of Stars. Phil Harris, Desi Arnaz, Lloyd Mangrum and Ty Hardin headed a group of entertainers who attracted hundreds to the celebration.

On hand to help with the drawing was Abe Schiller, "Mr. Las Vegas," and publicist for the Flamingo Hotel. Gwynett Swogger drew the winning ticket.

The home was awarded December 20, 1959 to Benny Lopez of Pico-Rivera, whose name was drawn from among the thousands of Chamber of Commerce Associate Membership tickets purchased by visitors to the house.

Lopez decided to take the $15,000 offered to him by the Chamber instead of the house.

Within several months, the Hospital House was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Whiter of Glendora. The Whiters still live in the home today. Bill Tenney of the Ole Hanson Co. handled the sale and turned over his commission on the $18,500 deal to the hospital fund.

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From that time on, money-raising projects were the order of the day.

The Sky Drive-in opened with all proceeds on opening night going to the fund.

During Grubstake Days in May, 1959, a new Nash Rambler was awarded to the lucky ticket holder.

Pledge cards were mailed to residents and businessmen, with donations still coming in from these.

The Yucca Valley Players presented a performance of "My Three Angels" and 50 per cent of the profit went to to the hospital.

Louella Williams of the Pioneer Desert Realtors hit the businessmen up and down main street and returned with $1227 bringing the total to $31,028.85 at this point.

Members of the hospital board appointed Gladys Stiff chairman of the smorgasbord dinner held at the Yucca Valley Park and netted more than $300 for the kitty.

The Glen Restaurant's fabulous weekend opening boosted the total by $1010. "Scotty" and Mrs. Gillander contributed the entire proeeds from a buffet served to hundreds of visitors.

With viewers donating $1 to the hospital, L. Adams Hanson showed films of Russia and European countries at the Yucca Valley School. Hanson was in charge of Circarama in Moscow during the Trade Exhibit.

A Halloween Festival at Osborn's Market featured a pancake breakfast served by members of the hospital committee. More than 1000 pancakes were consumed.

With perfect weather and receptive crowd Bob Brownell and Bob Bennett auctioned off donated items and raised $356.43. Charlie Haynie conceived the idea and the auction was held at his second-hand store.

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The death of one of the Hi-Desert's most loved women, Margaret Jewett, resulted in a Memorial Fund for a nurses unit. Mrs. Jewett had served as a nurse in the Orient.

The staff of Jerry's restaurant in Joshua Tree donated the time to serve a Chuckwagon dinner November 11. A $2 donation got all you wanted to eat.

Members ot the Yucca Valley Women's Club served a Turkey and Ham dinner, netting still another $110 to the growing fund.

Proving that even a small amount helps, the Pioneer Desert Board of Realtors turned over $24.60 after their annual picnic at the Yucca Corral Acres.

June LeMert Paxton's love of the desert and its people was evident when the author donated half of her commissions to the hospital from the sale of her book, "My Life on the Mojave." Mrs Paxton came to the desert in 1932 for her health and her poetic and philosophical writing have become well known.

Fred A. Storey, subdivider and developer of Yucca Valley, offered the hospital directors 20 acres of land at about one-fifth of its retail value. Storey was one of the original subdividers of Yucca and has continued to be active in its progress.

The Directors, at a special meeting, revamped the board, planned to issue Storey a certified check for $10,000 as the price of the property, and in an all-out effort to raise

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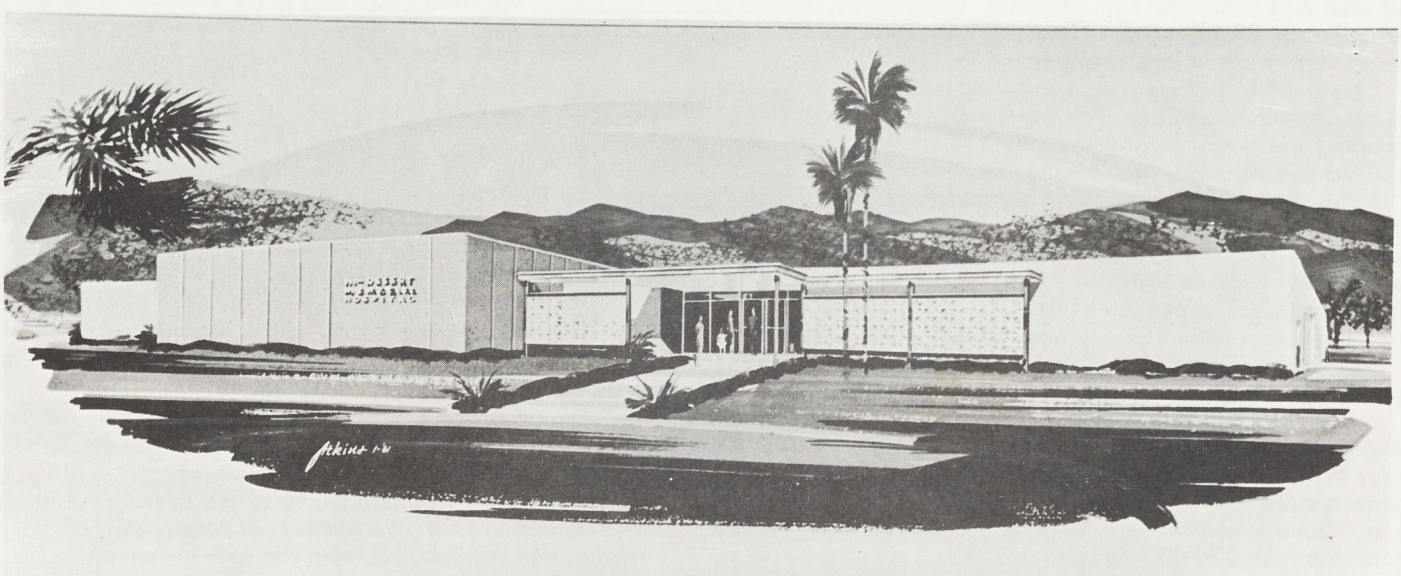
Hospital Planning & Engineering Company extends their congratulations to all concerned for your efforts toward the successful completion of the Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital. Especially do we desire to thank and compliment the Board of Directors, the Doctors and the Hospital Fund Committee members, as well as every citizen contributor.

Hospital Planning & Engineering Company is an organization which takes pride in the multiple services it offers. Our personnel have had the cooperation of your responsible communities in each of the preliminary stages of research, design, financing, construction and equipping of this all important hospital facility.



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funds, informed those attending the general meeting that "there will be a hospital here soon."

At this point, an accounting of funds was given and the total was $33,410.37. The check for the hospital site was to come out of this amount.

The Directors also voted to issue Life Memberships for donations of $100 or more, active memberships and associate memberships.

Meanwhile, the money continued to roll in with small and large donations being collected. The Women's Club held another buffet dinner and other organizations continued their fund-raising efforts.

John Marsh was chosen director of the hospital campaign. He is responsible for directing all ticket sales on four lots donated by local residents. The lots will be given away Grubstake Days. More than 70 volunteer workers busied themselves with addressing, stamping and mailing of the tickets during this campaign. The four beautiful Hi-Desert lots were donated by Sky Harbor Ranchos and Estates, Hacienda Knolls, Syn. of Yucca Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Si Stanley of 29 Palms and D. F. Geil of Morongo Valley.

Highlight of the current campaign was the $10,000 donation given by Mrs. Elsinore Machris for the purchase of a room, and a donation of $500 for the purchase of the first life membership issued by the Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Machris received the first Life Membership Card.

Through the efforts of local businessmen, desks and office equipment were furnished for the Hospital Headquarters in the Yucca Valley Plaza.

On October 29, 1960 the facilities of the Copper Room were made available for a Halloween costume party. Chairmaned by Phyllis Grubaugh and Honey Fellers, the party netted $260 for the growing fund.

The VFW Auxiliary informed the hospital directors they would pledge to supply the funishings for a simi-private room and started to make their word good.

The Lions Club has guaranteed to furnish a room up to the mininum of $1,000.

All during this time, Hospital Directors met once a week. Architects, fund-raising projects, financing and other ideas were heard.

One of the most successful projects was the Hi-Desert Children's Christmas party at the Community Club in Yucca Valley. Hundreds of youngsters with their mothers and fathers came to see Santa, and stayed for lunch, gifts and a Christmas program which featured Mr. and Mrs. Art Baker of radio and television fame. Santa, resplendent in his red suit arrived via airplane at the Yucca Valley airport and was escorted by the Junior Equestrians to the the Community Club. The young riders stayed at the door and sold mistletoe they had collected themselves. They raised $17 this way and promptly turned the money over to the hospital fund.

Chairman Louella Williams and John Haskell were co-chairmen for the Yule Party.

After much discussion, directors voted to hire the Hospital Planning and Engineering Company of Los Angeles to start preliminary plans for the hospital.

James W. Geddes, vice president of the firm, made many visits to the area checking all phases of the campaign, the site, and the area's need.

The Los Angeles firm specializes in designing, building, procuring and financing of small community hospitals.

Dr. Alfred Goldman of City of Hope Hospital, one of the most noted heart specialists in the country volunteered to be Chief of Staff at the Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital and has been active in planning the structure.

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The entire Hi-Desert Community continues to support all phases of the campaign.

Members of Omega Epsilon, Beta Sigma Phi, each volunteered to raise $10 or more by an individual project. At the end of the year the money will be turned over to the hospital fund as the sorority's community service effort.

Service clubs such as the Rotary, Woman's Club, VFW, church groups all have united behind the drive. Each organization has some fund-raising project under way.

Many benefits have been staged during the past three years and not all of them have been mentioned in this article. The ones mentioned here are only the highlights and there have been many important events neglected.

Any project, small or large that brings money to the hospital fund is important.

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One of the most unusual efforts to raise money was conceived by John Haskell and Mrs. Elsinore Machris. They recently toured the Orient and made arrangements with some of the world's best talent to stage a World Charity Show by International artists. It is hoped that the first show can be staged in Los Angeles this Fall.

Bids on site work for the hospital location have been received and probably awarded by this time. Work is expected to be under way by the time this brochure is published.

The work has been started . . . now it's up to you. The success of this campaign can assure the Hi-Desert of its own hospital.

So much has been done . . . so much more is needed.

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Yucca Valley can boast of having one of the finest private airports to be found anywhere in the country today. It was started only five short years ago by Dr. John Bendall when the old airstrip near the golf course was doomed to be closed. Dr. Bendall needed a place to land his own airplane and set it up primarily for his use and for the other two or three local pilots and sold a few building sites along the taxiway for out-of-towners who wanted to have a convenient week-end retreat in the sun.

The idea of a better airport to serve the community and the flying public caught on. Gasoline service facilities, a restaurant — The now famous "Copper Room" was added as well as runway lighting. Homes and hangers began to grow like mushrooms along the runway and today, several families who intended to have a "retreat" are now living here permanently.

Operating a growing airport was not the Doctor's dish so he sold it and several adjacent acres to a group of Southern California businessmen who are slowly but surely building it to a point where someday there will be an "Airtel" for the flyers who wish to remain overnight or spend a vacation in the sun without fog or smog to hamper their flying. Dr. Bendall still retains an interest in the operation and assists the manager, Emery Stromberg, who is also a part owner as well as a part time resident. Stromberg shares his time between his home in Redondo Beach and his hangar-house on the Yucca Valley Airport.

The past year has seen great strides of progress, first with the remodeling and enlarging of the Copper Room by the owners, Elsinor Machris and John Haskell. Second big stride foreward was the extending of the runway to 4000 feet and oil surfacing which was accomplished by the civic mindedness of several Yucca Valley Sub-Dividers and Real Estate people.

With the fine food served at the Copper Room, the beautiful paved runway, excellent fuel service, clear clean air and the friendliness of the local residents, Yucca Valley Airport is fast becoming the meeting place of flying families from all over California who like to take a Sunday "Drive." The Airport and Copper Room have hosted many fly-ins and convention groups. A recent Sunday count showed 86 transcient aircraft landed in one day in addition to the many flights made the same day by the local flyers. There are more than a dozen locally owned airplanes tied down or hangared regularly at Yucca Valley which makes it more than 6 times more airminded than the average community of this size but it is little wonder when you find the most perfect flying weather anywhere in the world — and this is true 365 days every year!

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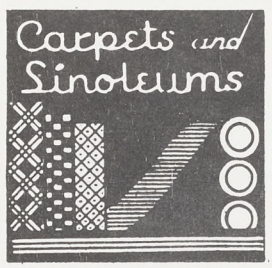

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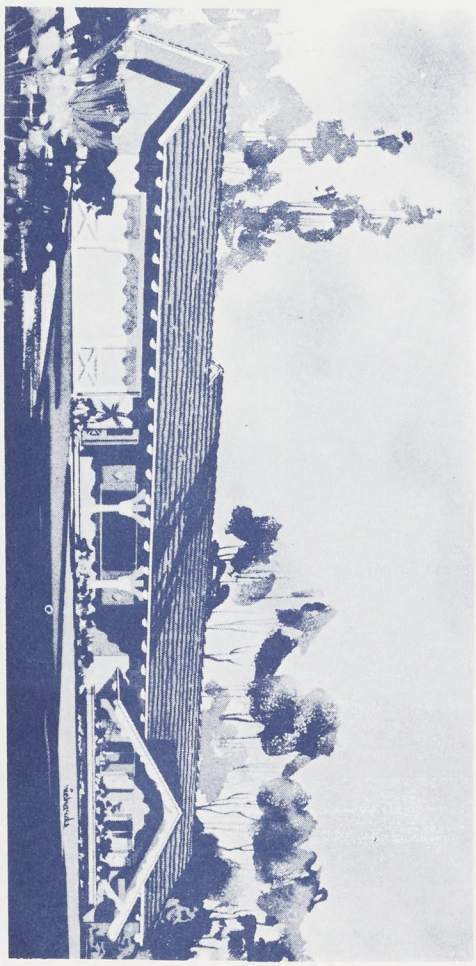

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CANCER REPORT

The High Desert and the American Cancer Society have formed a strong partnership in the fight against the killing disease.

Yucca Valley led all communities of the county last year in Cancer Crusade percentages, raising over 500 per cent of its quota. Funds from the annual Cancer Crusade are used for the American Cancer Society programs of research, service and education.

For its part, the Society and its San Bernardino County Branch have established two loan closets in the High Desert region. It also provides free service to cancer patients and their families and programs of education in the area to help reduce the cancer toll.

Three High Desert residents are members of the board of directors for the San Bernardino County Branch of the nationwide volunteer organization. They are Edward McPherson of Twentynine Palms and Mrs. Corene Hammett and Mrs. W. (Joan) Wilson, both of Yucca Valley. All have given active leadership.

The two loan closets in the High Desert are at McPherson's real estate office in Twentynine Palms and at Mrs. Wilson's home. Mrs. Wilson, director of volunteers for the High Desert region, is service and education chairman for Yucca Valley with Mrs. Mildred Rondee Brink the service chairman for Twentynine Palms.

Available from the loan closets are hospital beds and mattresses, side rails, trapeze bed bars, wheel chairs, sponge rubber rings, bedside commodes, sheets, pillows, bed gowns and smaller items of sick room equipment.

"Our loan closet service, free to all cancer sufferers, enables families to care for their patients comfortably at home and helps to cut the hospital load," McPherson said.

Wherever and whenever cancer strikes, the Society is ready to help. Although a national organization, the society provides direct service on the local level.

In addition to the loan closet items, service includes consultation, speech lessons, transportation, blood, tumor board consultations, dressings and referrals to hospitals or other helping agencies. For example, one man in Twentynine Palms got special size dressings free for a period of more than three years; he also was provided with a tracheotomy tube and the American Cancer Society Branch worked with the County Hospital in obtaining and sending medicine to him. Last year a total of 2,420 persons in the County received help from the county branch or through local volunteers.

High Desert residents may be less aware of the third ACS program — research to find the cause and cure of cancer — but such research has helped cut the nationwide toll of cancer deaths from one patient in four to one patient in three in the last 10 years.

Leaders of ACS state that the figure could be further reduced — to one patient in two — with present knowledge, if there were early detection and treatment. The education program, such as last fall's mass showings of the film "Time and Two Women," is aimed at cutting the toll.

Residents of the High Desert have shown their concern for the problem and their support of the ACS work during the Cancer Crusades. Led by Mrs. Wilson, Yucca Valley residents last year raised $1,127.99 against a $200 quota, a performance which was termed "amazing" at the County Branch annual meeting last fall. A main item was a dinner and auction, in which Joshua Tree and Morongo Valley also joined. Twentynine Palms, under the campaign chairmanship of Mr. L. B. Jarman, also went over its quota of $1,000 to raise $1,152.31.

High Desert communities are starting plans now to show their support of the American Cancer Society in the 1961 Cancer Crusade. The Society is pledged to do its part in research, service and education.

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Perhaps one of the most noticeable evidences of growth in the Morongo Valley may be traced through the development of its present school system. The Morongo Elementary School District was formed February 3, 1914. Only one major change in the territory served by the district has taken place since its formation. In 1936 large areas of the Needles, Fairview, Fallsvale, Big Bear Lake, and Bagdad School Districts were annexed to the Morongo School District. This action tripled the size of the Morongo School District. At the time of its establishment the Morongo School District provided education for students in grades kindergarten thru eight, inclusive. In 1935-36 the average daily attendance in these grades was only 45 for the school year. By 1945-46 the average daily attendance had increased to 161. In 1955-56 the average daily attendance had grown to a figure of 968 pupils. During the present school year (1960-61) it is estimated that the attendance within these same grade levels will reach approximately 1,930.

Prior to 1935-36 the Morongo School District was not a part of any High School District. In 1935-36 Morongo joined the Victor Valley Union High School District. Although in 1934-35, with the assistance of the County Superintendent of Schools, a one teacher high school had been established in Twentynine Palms. A formal high school organization was thus established for the Twentynine Palms High School becoming a part of the Victor Valley Union High School District.

The present Morongo Unified School District is governed by a Board of Education composed of five members. It is established as a regular Unified School District having city status.

The shape of the Morongo Unified School District resembles that of a pyramid. At the base of the pyramid the longest East and West distance is 66 miles. The longest North and South distance is 30 miles. The District has 1,368 sq. miles within its borders.

The Morongo Unified School District now serves the communities of Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley, Morongo Valley and adjacent areas. These communities have joined together to provide a common system of education of a Unified School District. The entire area is generally known as the Morongo Valley.

The present Morongo Unified School District was established July 1, 1958. This District now provides educational services for all children grades kindergarten thru twelve. At the present time total enrollment in the District is approximately 2,370 with 1,930 in the elementary schools and 440 in the high school.

The present professional staff now includes 90 teachers and ten school administrators.

Schools are now located in Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, and Twentynine Palms, with future plans to include a school in the Morongo Valley area. The school in Yucca Valley currently enrolls children grades kindergarten thru eight and has a total enrollment of approximately 325 students. The school in the Joshua Tree area enrolls students grades one thru six and has an approximate enrollment of 150. The two elementary schools in the Twentynine Palms area handle a total enrollment of approximately 1,430 with 720 of these being enrolled in the Oasis Elementary School in grades kindergarten thru six and 710 being enrolled in the Twentynine Palms Elementary School in grades kindergarten thru eight. The High School is located in the Twentynine Palms area. Pupils from other communities are transported by means of District transportation for attendance at this school. On October 18, 1960 the residents of the Morongo Valley went to the polls to successfully pass a two million dollar school bond. The money derived from the sale of these bonds will provide the necessary funds for construction of a Junior High School to house students in grades seven thru nine in the Yucca Valley area and a Junior High School to house students grades seven thru nine in the Twentynine Palms area, as well as for the construction of a new Elementary School in the Twentynine Palms area and for needed additions to the existing 29 Palms High School. It is planned at this time that the construction of such buildings will begin approximately September, 1961 and that the greater portion of the buildings will be ready for use approximately September, 1962. The total enrollment to be served by existing buildings and new construction will be approximately 2,800 students grades kindergarten thru twelve in the 1962-63 school year.

Able community and administrative leadership in the Morongo Unified School District has made it possible for this district to offer an instructional program second to none. Continuing plans for the expanding enrollment in the Morongo Unified School District will insure a high degree of public service to the communities within the Morongo Valley area.

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In Chilean earthquake relief the Junior Red Cross youth-to-youth projects gave assistance to students from kindergarten to college ages. The Red Cross help for earthquake victims continues as the home-building program for needy families progresses. Quake victims themselves are building 400 permanent homes from $400,000 worth of materials provided by the American Red Cross, which are being erected on property provided by the Chilean Government at moderate cost. Fifty-five Red Cross societies contributed to Chilean relief. The American Red Cross already has provided aid in excess of more than $2,000,000 in cash and $775,000 worth of supplies donated to the Red Cross by generous American organizations, firms and individuals. By the time the massive relief program comes to an end, cash and material assistance from the American Red Cross for Chilean earthquake victims will exceed $3,000,000.

Shipments were made this fall of $5,000 worth of educational supplies to Algerian refugee children now in Tunisia and Morocco. The remaining $35,000 of $40,000 allocated was used to purchase 25,000 sweatshirts and 25,000 suits of underwear for refugee children in both countries.

Oklahoma-Kansas Tornado relief operations in those disasters amounted to $535,215. More than 600 families received long-term recovery assistance and emergency mass care was provided for 2,268 disaster victims by 3,500 volunteer workers.

In Yucca Valley and throughout the Morongo Basin, classes have been held in first-aid instruction, water-safety programs, and home nursing. A few volunteers, trained in social work are called upon quite frequently to render aid to service families temporarily in need of financial assistance. Inasmuch as funds available for this purpose are somewhat limited, the assisted families are made loans to be repaid according to their ability to pay.

The annual drive for funds will begin on March 1st again this year. In Yucca Valley, workers consistently volunteer for this dedicated service. Under the leadership of a chairman, the fund drive in 1960 netted the sum of $538.50 or 15% of the total collected in the entire Morongo Basin. Of this fine record we may well be proud. The volunteer workers for our local drive devoted much time, gasoline and effort toward the attainment of our goal. Under the direction of the Chairman, Mrs. Jesse G. Marshall, the team was comprised of the following volunteers: Marion Hamilton, Mabel Mellette, Amelia Brownell, Hazel Yale, Emma Chase, Mrs. Nichols, Gladys Buchanan, Mabel Fitzgerald, Edna Jenkins, Mary Holland, Zella Grant, Belma Leonard, and Edith Holland all of Yucca Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Armitage of Pipes Canyon and Dorothy Troxell of Paradise Valley. These workers, all busy people, manage to give of their time for a good purpose once a year to help put Yucca Valley on the map for Red Cross.

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This area was established as a national monument on August 10, 1936, and has an area of more than 870 square miles. It is administered by the National Park Service under the Department of the Interior.

The altitude of the Monument ranges from 1,000 feet in the eastern end to nearly 6,000 feet in the Little San Bernardino Mountains. The weather is delightful most of the year and particularly on winter days. In summer, while it is hot at lower elevations, it is relatively cool at higher altitudes. The average annual rainfall is less than five inches, but there are wide departures from this average.

Joshua Tree National Monument is preserved primarily because of the notable variety and richness of its desert vegetation. The Monument lies within both the Mojave and Colorado Deserts. This is one reason for the many and varied species of desert plants.

A loop drive through the Monument joins the towns of Joshua Tree and Twentynine Palms. The Visitor Center in Twentynine Palms, located at the Monument Headquarters in the Twentynine Palms Oasis, has a ranger on duty daily to help visitors plan their Monument trip. A display room and self-guiding nature trail through the Oasis here make this an interesting stop.

On the loop drive, a favorite side trip is to Salton View where the 5,000 vantage point offers a magnificent panorama sweep of valley, mountain and desert. The Salton Sea, 241 feet below sea level and 30 miles away, is visible from here. Another road from the loop drive leads south through the Monument to Highway 60-70 and on to Indio.

Seven free campgrounds nestled among the picturesque boulders provide an opportunity for a real desert camping experience as visitors bring their own wood and water. The campgrounds at the lower elevations are Cottonwood Springs, in the southern end of the Monument, and Indian Cove, a few miles south of the highway and between the towns of Joshua Tree and Twentynine Palms. In the higher elevations of the Monument, where the fine stands of Joshua-trees are located, are White Tank, Belle, Jumbo Rocks, Ryan and Hidden Valley Campgrounds. Many picnikers frequent the campgrounds on short trips through the Monument.

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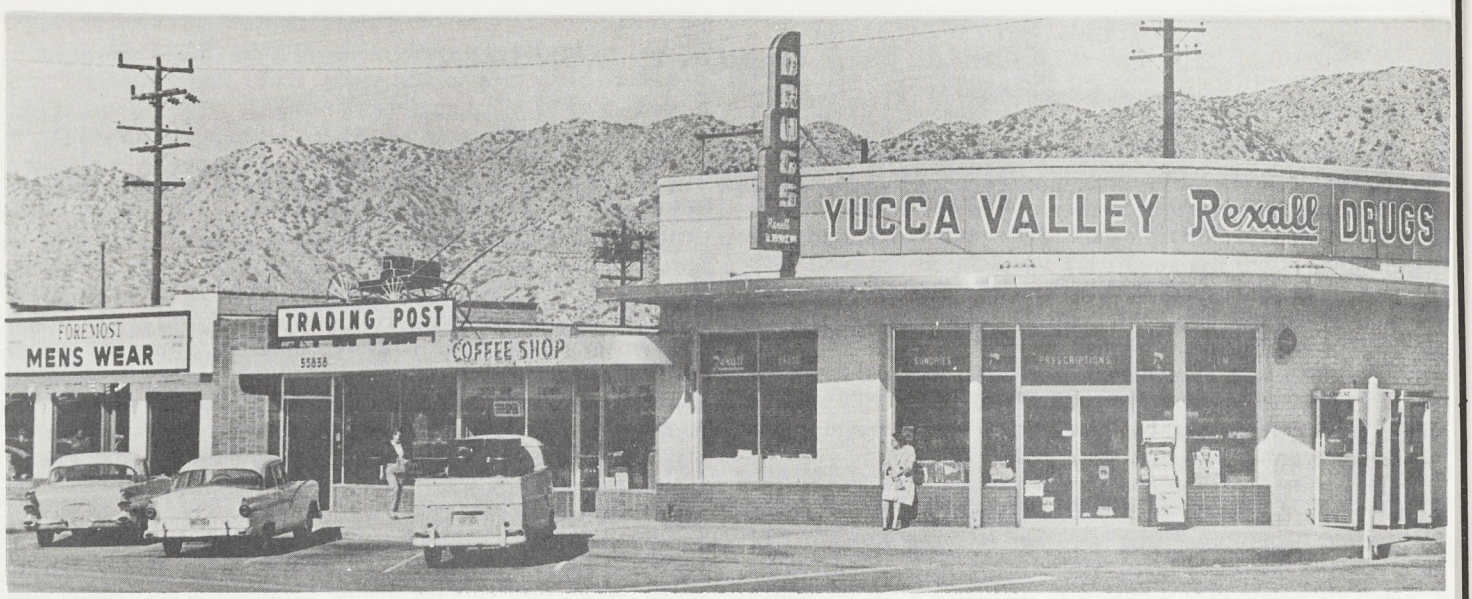

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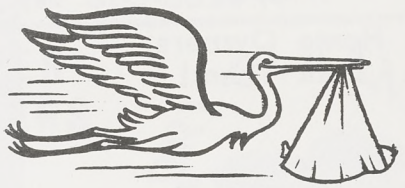

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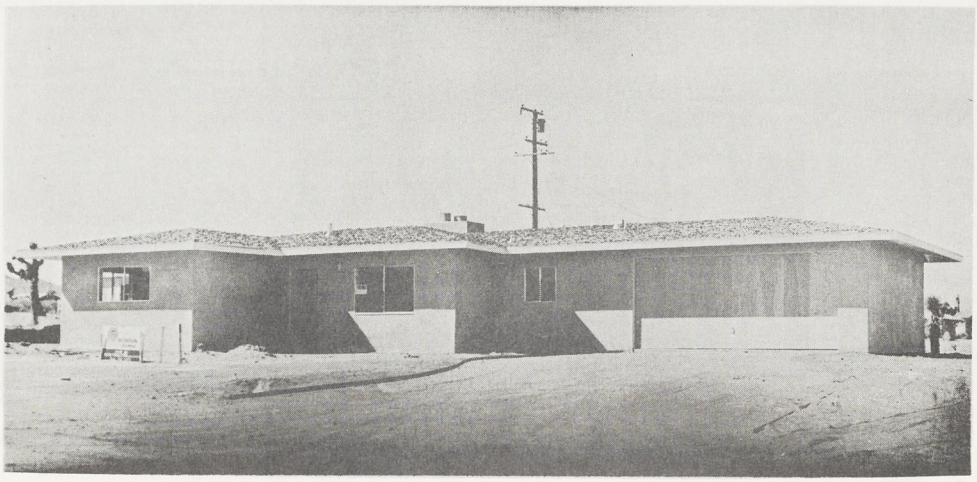

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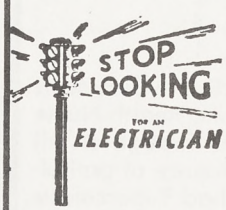

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Ever since time began, Man turned his eyes upward to the skies. The succession of ages left him with an awe and respect of God and nature. The Sun gave him warmth and light, the Rains gave him water. Storms battered the earth and drove him into caves for shelter. As Man grew and became civilized, He began to wonder about the Sky and all the mystery it held, the Stars and Planets of the Universe, the Moon and the Sun. The only inhabitants of this vast expanse were the birds on Wing. Free and unfettered creatures of wind and song.

Man began to dream, and out of his dreams came ideas, and from the ideas he made plans. Man began to experiment and produced works which added to his world. Still the sky beckoned, and Man yearned for wings. Oh, but to fly on high, to be able to look down upon the Earth and see its face. The very wise and the very brave finally invaded this heavenly domain, and flew. He built his own wings, from bits of wood and fabric and courage. Thus was born the airplane. Many died of their noble and epic experiments, but bit by bit, Man learned to use his wings, and he looked down upon the wonder of the world.

Here today in Yucca Valley, are to be found many who follow the airways of the skies. Every day we come and go from our busy Yucca Valley airport. This community is a wonderful example of our modern times. The airplane is an everyday part of our lives. We are setting an example for other communities to follow. We are a living symbol of the progress of Man. Here in Yucca Valley, are men of the same vision and imagination which brought us the gift of the Wings.

Jules Boldizar dared the mountains to bring his airbourne craft to Yucca Valley, and taught others to fly. Dr. John Bendall built an airport. Glenn Hammett flies his plane in search of parts to repair our cars. Some of us sell Real Estate from the air, and bring many from far away to see our Queen Village. Emory Stromberg, Clyde Gilbert and Mike Arrasmith built homes and hangars on the airport to bring their planes to their very doors. John Haskell, of Sky Harbor and the Copper Room, is a partner in a plane, also Robert Potter, a new born pilot. John Arch of Masonry and Music, loves to fly. Doug and Vonda Carlson bought a plane, and learned to fly.

Jerry Kindseth teaches others to fly, and is always ready to help repair an ailing "Bird." Art Miller, of Western Hills and famous as the Marshal of the Pasadena Roses Parade, flies a twin engine Cessna all over the country. Norm Essig and Robert Shoenlieber, land developers of note, fly for fun and business. Ross Simpson, the Aircoupe King. Cy Dieter, also of Western Hills. Al Peters, Realtor, a retired Navy pilot. Ray Royal, the Piper Cub Kid. Ralph and Dotty Kingston love to go cloud hopping. V. Ray Bennett, famous in many fields, is a pilot. Bill Hanson, Real Estate, shares a plane.

I could go on and on. All of them, people with the sky in their eyes, and a handful of Stardust. I have overlooked many that have heard the Song of the Wind, for they are now too numerous to count.

Today, the World talks of further conquests of the sky. We look now towards the new horizons of space. Again we're dreaming! Yes, we of the flying breed, have our wings, and share a joy and privilege that overwhelms us with the wonder of it. Yucca Valley has kept pace with it all, for progress and growth has been the keynote of this wonderful Queen of the desert. We, the pilots, salute her, and bid you all, come fly with us!

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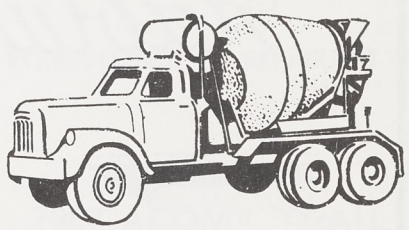

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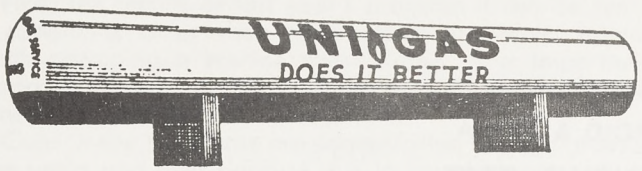

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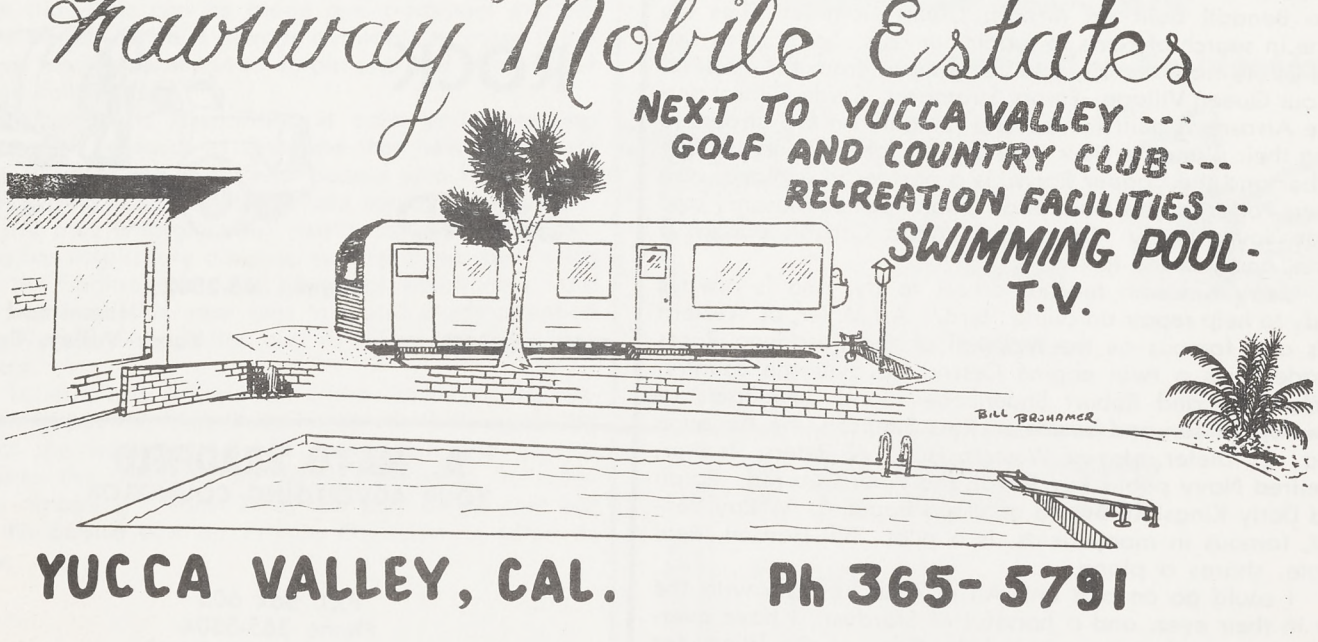

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The "Community Concert Association" plan is in operation in over one thousand cities and communities throughout the United States and Canada. Membership Cards of one Association are used by members for admission to the concerts of the many other Associations wherever the member may be. Because of this reciprocal basis, many members of the Hi-Desert Community Concert Association have enjoyed the concerts held in Palm Springs, Banning, Riverside. Los Angeles and many other cities. Free planned trips by school bus to these other communities have been enjoyed by members, these trips being sponsored by the Yucca Valley Park and Recreation District as a recreational activity through cooperation with the Morongo Unified School District who furnish the buses for this purpose.

There are no individual or season tickets sold by the Association, the membership basis being the method employed for financing the program. In advance of each year's season, members pay their dues for the coming year and new members are given the opportunity to join during a short period of time involving five days. The 1961-62 membership sign-up period started with a kick-off meeting February 20, 1961, and ended Saturday at 6 P.M. February 25th, followed by a meeting of the Board of Directors for the selection of the new series of concerts for the 1961-1962 season. This is possible because all the membership dues are in, there is a known budget and all expenses are known. In this way, with all finance factors known and the budget established with all members' dues in the bank, there never is a deficit and none of the volunteer workers and officers are left financially at a loss.

The Hi-Desert Community Concert Association is a non-profit corporation trying to bring the best in entertainment and culture to this area of Southern California. There are special dues for students of $4.00 with the adult and Senior citizen dues being $7.50 which includes admission to this Association's concerts as well a the opportunity of going to the concerts available in many other cities near and far away from this area.

Trips by bus are planned each year and this added inducement makes Association membership a real opportunity for everyone. The 1961-1962 membership campaign season ended February 25, 1961 and there is no opportunity to become a member after this closing date for this year, however, prospective members for another year may arrange to be put on a waiting list for first consideration next year when that year's membership campaign starts. Starting with the end of the 1961-62 membership campaign period there will be maintained a "waiting list" as a start for the next year's campaign and prospective members are urged to write their desires to Yucca Valley, California, P.O. Box 571 or telephone Code Area 714; 365-4835.

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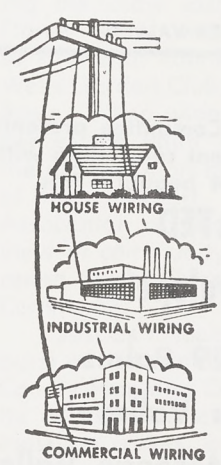

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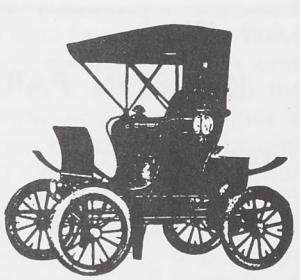

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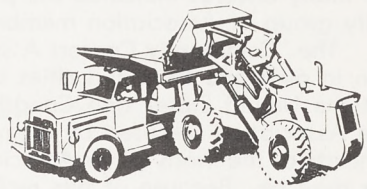

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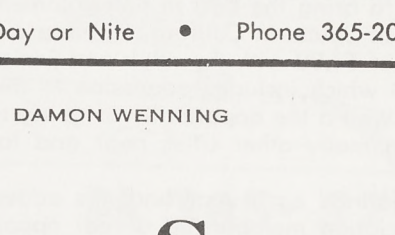

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WHY PALM WELLS?

It was early discovered by the settlers of the eastern portion of Morongo Valley that their problems were quite different from those in the well established west end. For the most part they were five-acre tract leaseholders, scattered over a considerable territory, and in general spending only week-ends and holidays in their modest cabins, chiefly constructed with their own hands, just large enough to meet the land office specifications; often located back in the canyons or clinging precariously to the mountainside. Inevitably the owners were pioneers in a very real sense — they had no roads, no electricity, no water lines, no telephones, not even a pay station within a distance of three or more miles.

Before the need for organization was recognized, the importance of cooperative effort was manifest. The recent World War had caused a shortage in copper wire necessary to extend electricity from the other end of the Valley, and other communities also were clamoring for electricity. When the Electric Power Company set a deadline for a specified large sum of money to be "in the bank," a hurried meeting was called, and although no one had money to spare, the full amount was in the bank as stipulated; presto! soon lights were shining in this end of the Valley, and wonderful electrical appliances were being installed in the dream houses of these persevering pioneers.

Recognizing the value of united action, a number of these newcomers formed a Chamber of Commerce, with the two owners of the only businesses on the first board of directors; a prize was offered for a name, and a vote taken on those submitted. The name PALM WELLS seemed to offer advantages: perhaps some of the glow from the fine publicity of neighboring communities which included "Palm" in their names might shed light on this budding community! (And there were palms and old wells in one of the canyons, with new ones already being drilled). Thus the Palm Wells Chamber of Commerce was incorporated in 1950, and publicized the fact that it was "established to promote and safe-guard the interests of the 5-acre tract leaseholders." Soon the first public telephone was brought into the area under the district code name "Palm Wells 1"; an aeroplane map was made and cabins charted, so that people who purchased a plot at the Land Office in Los Angeles could find the actual location of their property, and learn how to get to their "promised land"; help was given in bringing electricity to distant homes; practical advice was given on a road grader for improving roads; a cement mixer was offered for that first "slab"; a water trailer with pump and tank was made available to members; questions answered as to what trees or shrubs grew best in the desert. With equipment approved by the official weather bureau, readings were taken in the Palm Wells area of the maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity, as well as wind and barometer readings. Reports were mailed weekly to Washington where they were duly recorded. Graphs made over a period of nearly ten years are still available, and to be seen at the Palm Wells Realty office.

Every year a specified day was set aside for celebration, and this is now know as Palm Wells Cactus Day, an institution for fun, education and good fellowship. Cactus interest has grown through the years, and recently a plot of ground was set aside by a member for a permanent "Palm Wells Cactus Garden."

As the members learned the value of cooperation with each other on their own projects, they soon recognized the value of cooperation with all community groups, hence their participation in Grubstake Days, Fiestas, Turtle Race Days, etc., usually with a booth or float. In return other groups have joined in adding color and interest to the Cactus Day Celebration, with the Rockhounds almost stealing the show last year; and an outstanding Weed and Flower Show, worked up through the magnificent efforts of a friend, culminated in the organization of the Palm Wells Garden Club, the first in the west end of the Morongo Basin. When wider cooperation seemed desirable, a member of the Palm Wells Chamber of Commerce instigated the organization of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Hi-Desert. Later participation in the Countywide Association of Chambers of Commerce offered a broader view of community problems. Palm Wells has also participated in the Desert Committee of the State Chamber of Commerce.

Just as it seemed pioneering was over, suddenly there burst on the community a ZONING PLAN drawn up by the County Planning Commission, "unbeknownst" to the majority of those effected in the Palm Wells area. A meeting must be called, and "quick." The only organized group in this end of the Valley was the Palm Wells Chamber of Commerce; so an open meeting was called for the good of all dwellings in this area. It met with overwhelming response, and much to the surprise of the County Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission, the large room at the Hearing in San Bernardino was filled to overflowing, and so articulate were the property owners from this area, that the Hearing was adjourned to a later date so that each end of the Valley could draw up suitable plans of zoning to be submitted at the later Hearing. This resulted in many changes in the Planning Commission's final plan, greatly to the benefit of the 5-acre tract owners.

The future? A number of new businesses have been opened, one the Palm Wells Variety Store, another the Palm Wells Realty office, located just off the Highway at Rose Eden Drive; the Roadrunner Trailer Village on Elm Street, just west of Cuits on the Highway, the Lambert Studios, the Pink Lizard Shop, Gorham's Saw Sharpening Service, Desert Gem & Woodcraft, Garrett Cesspool Co.; and

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that isn't all — hidden from the view of the casual highway traveler, this sprawling community can boast of many modern, well equipped homes — in fact, when the Census Bureau assigned workers to this Valley, they listed 436 dwellings in the Palm Wells area, with 464 in the west end of the Valley.

Through these years of community growth there has always been one glaring lack — no hospital, and inadequate medical facilities. With the importance of cooperation basic to the philosophy of these pioneers, the plan for a proposed HI-DESERT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, for which all property owners and the rest of us "desert rats" would work, struck a responsive note, and already two Life Members from Palm Wells have joined in this effort, and others will be forthcoming, with the voting "Active Memberships" and Associates something to strive for.

Recently we received a check for a "LIFE" membership from one of our correspondents, who has a limited income, with this letter:

"I am fascinated with the doings at Washington — that statement: "It's not what the country can do for me but what I can do for my country" is the key note of J.F.K.'s success thus far, in the minds and hearts of the people. It certainly prompted me **to action.** That thought came to me as I heard the ambulance screaming down the road toward Palm Springs Hospital — should have been going to Yucca. Hope many others will realize that too."

She also said, "I'll take those Associate membership cards and sell them to some of my friends too." All of us want to put our shoulders to the wheel and make this desperately needed hospital, not only a **reality,** but a demonstration of wide and effective commounity effort — and **SOON.**

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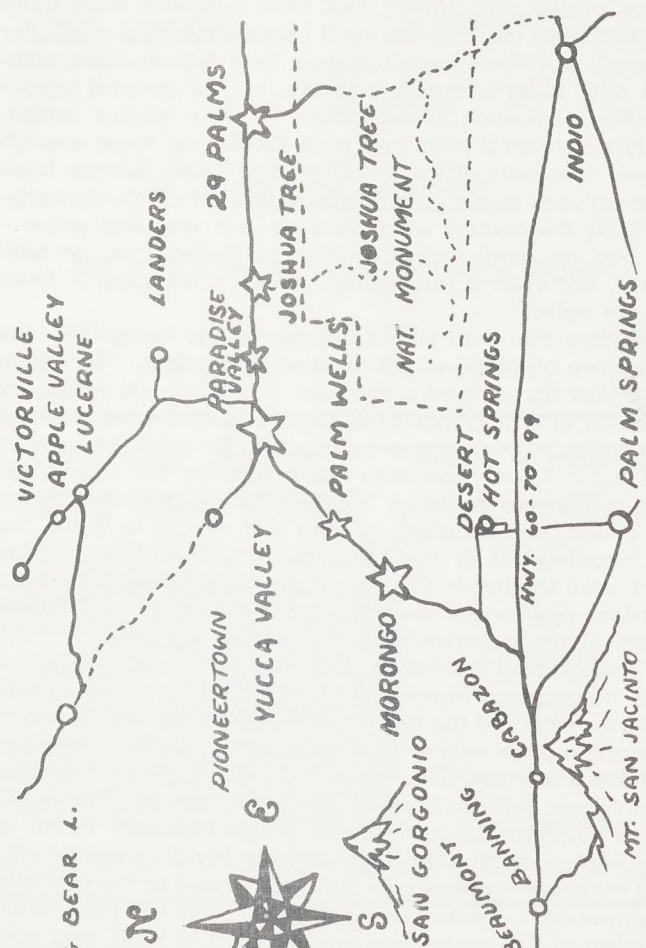
The Associated Chambers of the Morongo Basin was organized in 1952 and operated for several years, in July, 1958 it was reorganized. It has been very active since, and serves and unites the Morongo Basin in ever worthwhile project.

The new officers for 1961, Chairman Clair Healy, 29 Palms; Vice Chairman Harold Brown, Yucca Valley; Secretary and Treasurer Marie A. Lambert.

The most outstanding effort has been the formation of the Road Runner Committee. For the past year it has worked diligently. The Officers, Marianne Luffer, Chairman of the Motel Association, 29 Palms; Wally Pflueger, Secretary, Joshua Tree, Realtor; Bill Williams, Treasurer, Yucca Valley, Realtor, accomplished the publizing and acceptance of the Design; Road runner drawn by R. Obarr, now of Yucca Valley, Merchant and Artist.

The new officers replacing the former are Otto Risner, Motel Association, 29 Palms, Secretary and Treasurer Marie A. Lambert, Arts and Crafts Studio, Morongo Valley. Road signs and a large sign bearing the emblem have been placed along the route, at the Desert Center cut-off, the large sign directs travelers, and is very attractive.

There are many interesting and necessary projects planned, that include our neighboring states, for the coming year, also counties that will benefit all the desert areas. Watch for the road runners news to be published. The towns that belong to the Associated Chambers of Commerce are, Otto Risner, President, 29 Palms; Ray Hacket, Joshua Tree; Harold Brown, Yucca Valley; Polly Edds, Palm Wells; and Harlow Pond, Morongo Valley. Meetings are held every two months and rotate between the Chambers. Each appointing two or more delegates. The meetings are advertised and open to the public. The present delegates are Clair Healy, 29 Palms, Jean Albrecht and Charley Coleman, Joshua Tree, Harold Brown, Yucca Valley, Marie Angel and Ethel Chance. Palm Wells and Mr. Geil, Morongo Valley.



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The promotion of the development of this area in a large part is by the good living — not so much in a financial way, but the healthful climate, the friendly and neighborly atmosphere which makes one want to live, work and play in such an area.

Landers Homestead Valley Association, Inc., with its 800 or more members meets each month in Landers. The entire group are busy with raising funds for furnishing a room in the Hi-Desert Hospital. They have many other projects which call forth talent, time and effort — all for the good of the community.

Officers of this organization are: Ira Hensley, President, Cris Anderson, Vice-President, Barbara Coppock, Secretary, Opal Hamman, Treasurer. Board of Directors are: Bob Coppock, Chm., George Belfield, Joe Becker, John Handley, Wm. MacFarland.

The Women's Club of Homestead Valley too are busy with projects of a worthy cause. All in all the spirit of neighborliness is predominate in this Hi-Desert area — LANDERS HOMESTEAD VALLEY.

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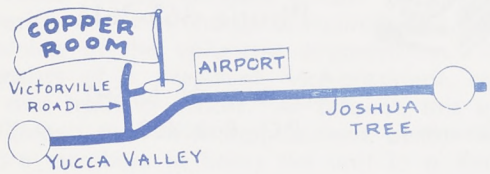

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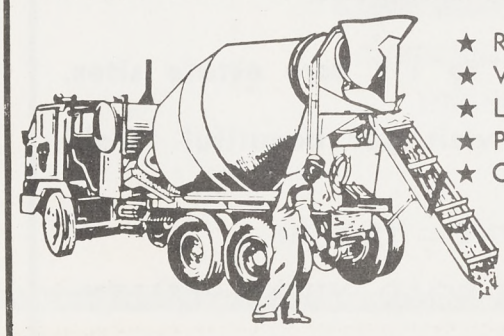

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The Yucca Valley Rangers consist of one Resident Deputy Sheriff who is in charge of maintaining and assisting in training of the volunteer organization. The unit further consists of a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and training officer. At present, this unit consists of eighteen men with applications being taken for twelve more members to bring the unit to a thirty men organization. These men purchase their own uniforms and equipment and give of their time and efforts to assist the Sheriff's Office at any time they are needed. No compensation is received whatsoever for their efforts and expenses. Their basic function is search and rescue work with training in some phases of law enforcement. These men attend two meetings a month with one meeting for business and class instructions, the other for field exercises. The class instructions consist of films of past rescue missions of other fully-trained units and general information of law enforcement. The field training sessions are held in the desert areas and in which the art of tracking is practiced by all, along with mountain climbing and the use of ropes for the evacuation and the reaching of victims. Most members have received training in the art of rope -rapelling off sheer cliffs. A large number of the members are first-aid qualified men. Nearly all the equipment is at present being furnished by the individuals. Much more is needed and it is slowly being acquired by the group by means of benefit games such as the basketball game with the Harlem Clowns. Further activities are being planned by the members to increase the funds to be used strictly for the purchase of rescue equipment and not for individual benefit. Equipment available now is personally-owned horses, jeeps, pick-ups and other personal equipment such as rope, tackle-blocks, horse-trailers, planes. If you ever find that you do not have further needs for some equipment that could be useful, do not hesitate to offer it, it will be gratefully accepted.

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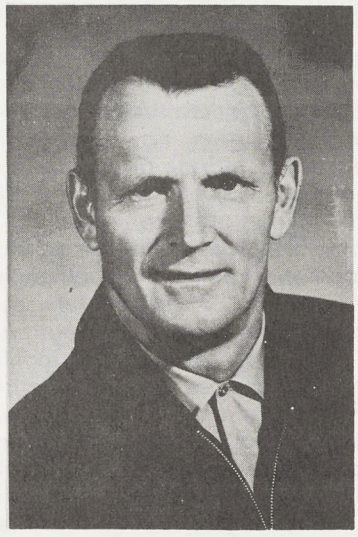

THE CONSTABLE

Constable Clarence Kursawe was elected into office June 7, 1960. He covers 5000 square miles of desert from Old Woman Springs, Morongo Valley, Yucca Valley, 29 Palms, and many other towns. Constable Kursawe has resided in 29 Palms seven years.

PUBLIC PARKS AND RECREATION

ARTHUR CHASE

Public Parks and an organized public recreation program including swimming activities in the thirty-two square miles of Yucca Valley is under the administrative promotion and control of a five man Board of Directors for the governmental sub-division known as the Yucca Valley Park and Recreation District established by an act of the State of California Legislature as revised by that legislative body in 1957.

The Board of Directors is composed of the following: Arthur Chase, Chairman; Alfred M. Fisher; Roy Roush; Robert Schoenleber and Gladys Stiff. Mr. John Clayton Marsh is Secretary and Mr. John Sweesy, former Board member, is in general charge of all maintenance.

There are at present two primary parks, the original Hi-Desert Park south of the Yucca Valley School at Onaga and Hopi, and Paradise Valley Park at Indio and Barron streets. On the site of the Hi-Desert Park the Yucca Valley branch of the County Library is situated as well as play equipment for children and a picnic area including covered shelter with tables for adult and Senior Citizens and shuffle board, croquet court, horse-shoe pitching and other recreation facilities. In the heart of the community there is a triangle on which rests a statue of a tiger. The Board has voted to properly maintain this triangle as a sort of a roadside rest or resting place for pedestrians between shopping stops.

On the original Board as one of the founders of this District was a present board member, Mr. Roy Roush who has been and is a vital factor in bringing park and recreation facilities here for the benefit of everyone in the community. Another original member of the Board and former chairman was Mr. C. H. Jacobs, now deceased, who, because of his great interest and many thousands of hours of pure physical work in planting trees, shrubbery and the installation of hundreds of feet of water pipe lines, the erection of all present buildings and structures in both parks — is generally regarded by everyone as the "father" of recreation and parks in Yucca Valley.

Much should be said concerning the volunteer dedicated time given by the past and present members of the Board who are serving Yucca Valley to bring about the best in parks and recreation, now and in the future, for this area. Present plans include an Olympic-size swimming pool for Yucca Valley in conjunction with the new Junior High School; the immediate acquisition of 640 acres of governmental land dedicated for future park and recreation purposes with portions of this large acreage immediately put to use as picnic areas, camp grounds, assembly points for equestrians and riding trails, a beautiful rustic sylvan outdoor theater in a nearby canyon overlooking Yucca Valley, Archery and rifle ranges and other out-of-door activities; hiring of full-time director of recreation who will conduct an extensive recreation program during the summer for the youth including swimming, hiking and bus trips, and, during the summer and school year a program of recreational activities for teenagers, adults and the many Senior Citizens living in Yucca Valley.

Classes in round and square dancing, golf instruction, horse-shoe and shuffle board tournaments, horse-back riding, hiking and rock hunting, community sings, town hall meetings and many other items of interest for everyone in Yucca Valley are in store for this area because of the interest of Yucca Valley Park and Recreation District Board of Directors.

PROGRESS FOR THE BANK

The initial studies which led to the opening of Security First National Bank's Yucca Valley Branch were started back in 1957. These studies indicated the Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, Paradise Valley, Pioneertown, Morongo Valley area would support a bank and that deposits would probably exceed several million dollars within three years. The experts were right on every point except one.

The Yucca Valley Branch beat the deposit prediction by a year and a half — much to the delight of bank officials.

As a matter of fact, the actual growth of the branch exceeded the guess estimates of the bank's building department also. When it opened at its present location, 56185 29 Palms Highway, on June 19, 1958, it was felt 1,000 sq. ft. would be adequate for quite awhile.

But it rapidly outgrew its quarters until the bank announced last year a site for a new building had been acquired next door and that a new building would be completed by mid-summer, 1961.

The new building, which will occupy the two lots to the west of its present location, will include virtually all the modern banking services and facilities and will have parking spaces for approximately 25 cars. It will have 3,040 sq. ft. and will be a single-story, concrete block structure. The new building will also have a vault with safe deposit boxes.

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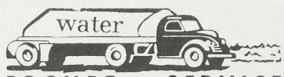

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And in most Southland cities, the financing of such a venture is assured in a matter of months.

Here in the Hi-Desert, populated for the most part with retired families and pensioners, the campaign is slightly different.

For three years, residents have been raising money, and they've been doing it the hard way. A dollar here and a dollar there.

Daily, the Hospital Headquarters reports receiving letters with a dollar bill enclosed.

The following is typical of the letter which accompanies the money:

"My wife and I are getting on in years and we want to do everything we can to see that this hospital gets built. We don't have much money as we get by on our pensions, but here is all we can afford. While it isn't what we'd like to give, it's the best we can do. We're also sending our prayers for your success."

It's letters like this that make the Board of Directors feel the success of the hospital drive is assured.

With enough dollar bills and enough prayers, sooner or later the Hi-Desert is going to have its own hospital.

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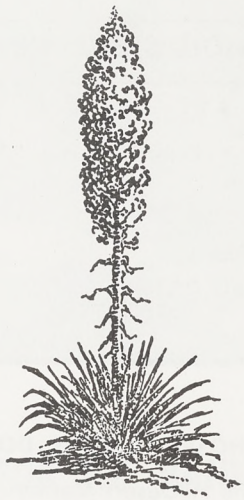

PIONEER PASS GOLF CHALLENGE

BY ART CHASE

Twenty-eight miles for a golfer to use his driver, brassie, No. 1 iron, mashie and putter on a bright red-painted golf ball to complete only one hole is the real exciting project for all those who enter and complete the course in the competition for the championship trophy given in the Pioneer Pass Golf Challenge played in the early Fall of every year starting in Yucca Valley, California and finished in Big Bear.

This twenty-eight miles represents a little different version of what is generally known as the "19th Hole" since this is a real "19th Hole" with many miles of fairway including eight check points before reaching the tee-off for the "19th Hole" which is a very rugged 3 mile long fairway with an unlimited number of unmentionable unusual hazards to finally reach the green for a "Putt" into the 19th Hole.

It is this type of "play" over the entire 28 miles which makes this Pioneer Pass Golf Challenge the most exciting, frustrating and rewarding three days of pure stamina and physical strain for any red-blooded golf-enthusiast to pit his skill and luck against all the "odds" of "Dame Nature."

"Play" starts at the beautiful enjoyable 9-hole Yucca Valley Country Club golf course. Upon completion the golfers move to Pioneertown, three miles distant for the big 28 mile start. Then the long 28 miles over virgin territory of rocks, boulders, canyons, trees, desert cactus into the big pine territory, which is breath-taking scenery, beautiful beyond the imagination of the most talented artist. Then comes a beautiful green, which is the 19th Hole, and from there the players go on to finish the second 9 holes at the Moonridge Golf and Country Club in Big Bear City.

The Fall of 1961 will be the third year for the Pioneer Pass Golf Challenge, a non-profit recreational activity emphasizing the area in and around Yucca Valley, leading through the Pioneer Pass which is the 28 miles designated as the "19th Hole," to and including Big Bear City and Lake, as the finest territory anywhere for all types of recreation including hiking, horse back riding, fishing, hunting, nature study, rock hunting, skiing, ice skating, swimming, boating, camping, picnics, and, almost anything that anyone might want to do to enjoy real living away from the boredom and hum-drum and conjestion of crowded city environment. All of this wholesome outdoor living is bound to catch the fancy of all those who become entries and participate with their golfing skill on the World's Longest 19th Hole as sponsored by the Pioneer Pass Golf Challenge, Inc. Further information relative to entree qualifications, prizes and awards may be obtained by writing to Mr. Al Fisher, P.O. Box 471, Yucca Valley, California.

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Some people, "just to be funny." Might ask the many members of the Yucca Valley Players this question since participation in a play being readied for presentation to the general public could make those on the outside wonder about all the time end energy given by the various members of this organization to make an outstanding success of one of their theatrical performances.

The real reason, however, must be that the members do enjoy each other's company and the opportunity to express themselves in the great make-believe which is the play so often picturing life as it is or as it could or should be to the idealist.

The Yucca Valley Players came into being in 1953 and since that time has produced many plays. Kowhands, Checkmate given in 1953 started this group on its way to success. No group of embryo Thespians could ever overlook a melodrama involving "He ain't done right by our Nell" and this was a huge success back in 1954. "Albie's Irish Rose," "The Tender Trap," "Motel Madness," "The Brat," "The Curious Savage" and "The Bad Man" are but a few of the outstanding successes.

Prospective members, interested in trying out their talents in the field of the theater as possible actors, stage hands, publicity writers, costume designers, or just plain boosters, are urged to contact any member or an officer for further information. Al Fisher, 1961 President, has taken the part of a clergyman in one play to be followed in another by being a hard-boiled Texas Ranger. He may be reached through P.O. Box 471, Yucca Valley, or by telephone at 365-4621 or 365-2326.

Newcomers to Yucca Valley have this group as a wonderful medium to get to know and meet many wonderful friends in this the Queen City of the Hi-Desert.

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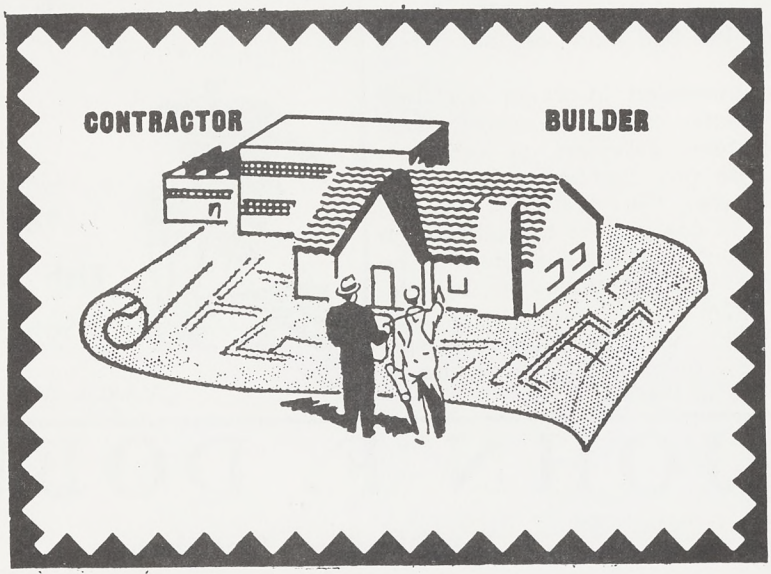

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"MY LIFE ON THE MOJAVE"

The following article was written by Fullen Artrip of Calamasa in his column, "The Book Corral," regarding "My Life on the Mojave" by June LeMert Paxton, local writer of poetry and philosophy.

Since Mrs. Paxton is giving more than one-half of the royalty from the sale of the book to the Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital fund, it is a privilege to reprint Mr. Artrip's well-written review.

This is the story of June LeMert Paxton's life as she lived it on the Mojave Desert.

In this fascinating story she has caught and held something of the alluring beauty of the desert country, and of the strange, haunting spell the wasteland weaves over its dwellers.

June Paxton came to the Mojave Desert more than a quarter of a century ago seeking the healing air of the high desert country. At first, she was awed and a little frightened by the desert's vastness, and by its lonely brooding silence, yet, soon enough, she fell in love with it. "Love it," she wrote, "and it will give back in kind; resist it, and it will turn and rend you." She not only found health on the desert, but also an inspiration to write, and she has since become one of California's best known poets, and writers. Her book of poems, "Desert Peace" is now a collector's item, and she has written many stories and articles of her beloved desert which have found space in a number of the leading publications of the land.

June LeMert Paxton's life story is a part of the desert; like the ever restless shifting sand; like the brooding desert hills, and haze-shrouded valleys; like a desert night, when the land of waste is flooded with a sea of shimmering, silvery light; like the violent desert sandstorm, when the wind-driven sand stings like points of steel; like the wild animals and desert creatures that haunt her adobe, and who have accepted her as a friend; like the burning desert sun; like June LeMert Paxton, herself, they are all a part of the desert.

DESERT PEACE

So calm, yet the calmness has a depth,
And a height with an endless span
That reaches till it finds the good —
The good in the soul of man.
So, still, yet the stillness has a voice,
And in soft low tones it seeks
To ease the fearful, restless soul —
"Courage and Peace," the desert speaks.

J. L. P.

JUNE LEMERT PAXTON

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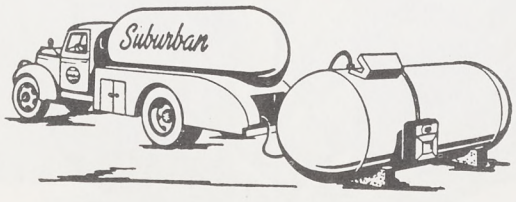

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Lou Holland, Bud Stewart and Bill Adams clearing the Hospital site.

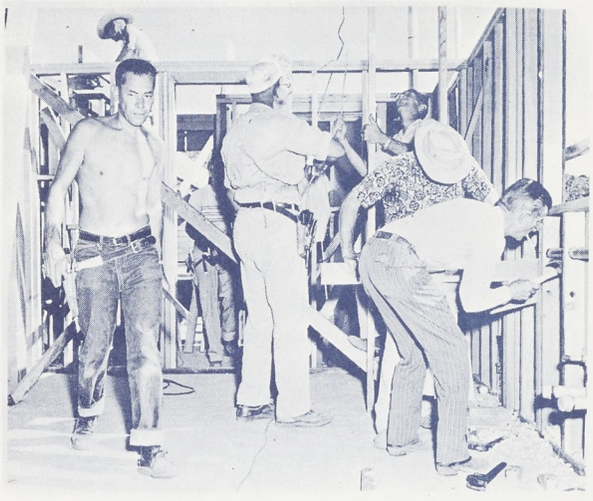
Cement foundation and slab for Hospital House.

Lou Holland, Earl Deal and Bob Schoenleber, checking plans.

Rod Jones, watching volunteer labor putting up walls.

ALBUM OF HOSPITAL HISTORY

Don Boyer, Ainslee Fowler, R. Smith donating labor to erect fireplace. Rock tor Fireplace donated by Whitewater Quaries.

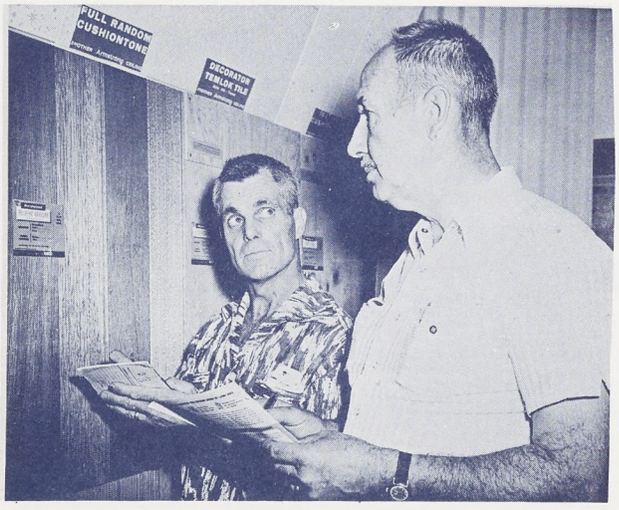


Ed Boyd (Building Inspector at that time) checking on job.

Electric Wiring — Labor donated by Fred Tripp, Virgil Miller & Sons and others.

Harold Brown (who supervised construction), Ed Boyd (Inspector) and Robert Schoenleber (drew plans and supervised the work).

Anderson Roofing donating labor and materials for Hospital House.



Bud Stewart, Ken Bonser, picking out the tile and colors for Hospital House.

Painters — Bradshaw's, McKean, E. V. Smith.

High Desert Tract Owners Assn. put in many hours and donating to Hospital Fund.

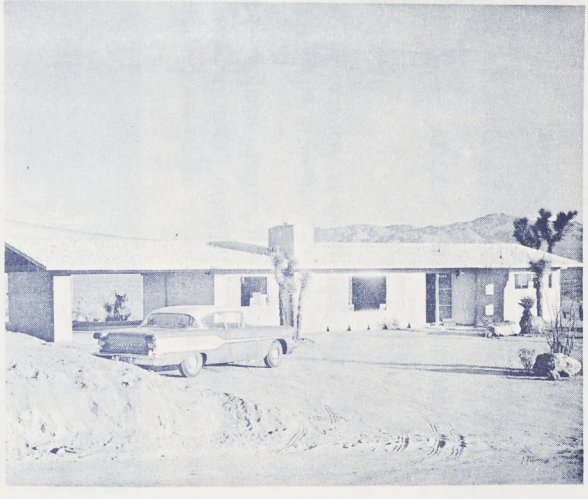
ALBUM OF HOSPITAL HISTORY

Art Miller and Tina English, Yucca Valley Grubstake Queen of 1958, placing the Gold Medallion.

Buck Brown, after a tour, to publicize the Hospital House drive.

Mrs. Ida Van Nest's station wagon advertising the need for a Hospital here.

GWENNETT SWOGGER
Picking the Winning Ticket



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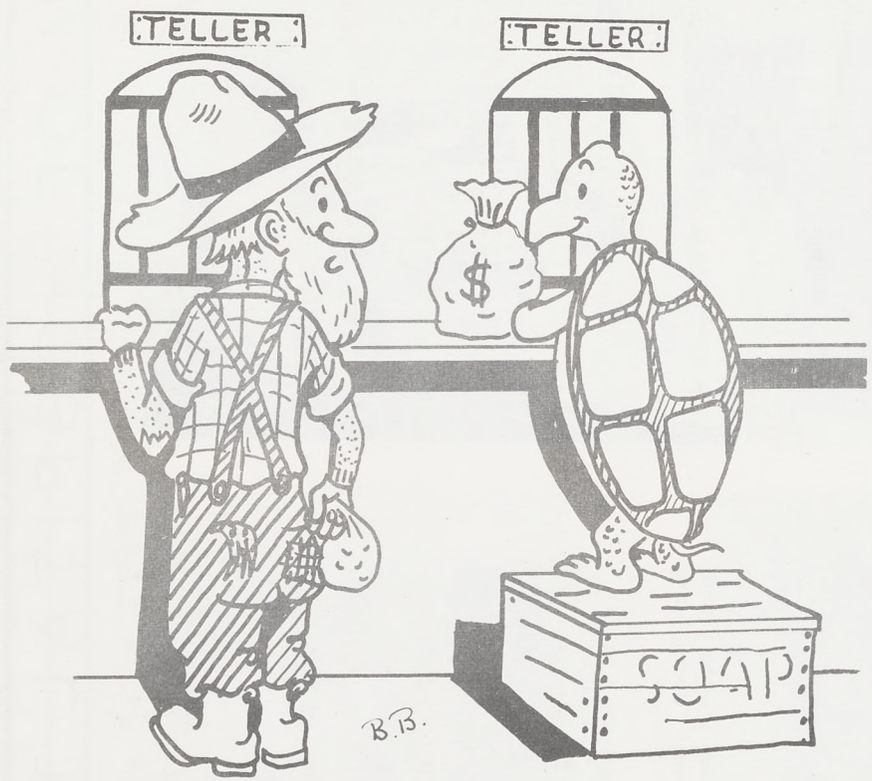

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A year-round campaign in the form of a contest to help make and keep the Queen City of Yucca Valley the cleanest and most beautiful community in the entire United States, and, the winner of the National Award in recognition of this, had its beginning in the year 1960.

Awards and prizes were given throughout the year for the Home of the Week, the Home of the Month and the Home of the Year — the grand prize of all landscaped homes. Recognition was also given for the finest in landscaping around business establishments. There were two sections for the grouping of homes — those under a frontage 100 feet and those 100 feet or over. An outside judging committee served to pick the winners in all sections. The grand prize winner was the landscaped area around the home of Mr. Milton J. Murry, Anaconda and Sage, in the Alta Loma area. Mr. Murry received a gold Lucien Piccard ladies wrist watch for his wife Ann, which was donated by one of the judges, Mrs. Hugo Steinmeyer, a prominent Los Angeles civic leader. Second place winner was Mr. and Mrs. Roy Potts on Palo Alto Avenue who received a very beautiful outside decorative lamp post donated by the Yucca Valley Lumber Company. Third place went to Mrs. Lillian M. Jacobs, 56115 Navajo Trail, for the landscaped area around her home done by her deceased husband, Mr. C. H. Jacobs who served as a member and chairman of the Board of Directors of the Yucca Valley Park and Recreation District. Mrs. Jacobs received a set of glassware donated by the Yucca Valley Liquor Store. Other winners received government bonds and the monthly winners received plants from the Yucca Valley Desert Gardens.

The 1961 contest will be similar to the 1960 contest with certain changes to bring in more contestants. The chairman of the committee is Mr. Al Fisher with Mr. Art Chase, Mr. Al Hitch, Mr. Ken Bonser and Mrs. Art Chase also serving on the Committee, the latter acting as treasurer for fund donations. Information may be obtained by contacting these committee members.

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First Row --- Left to Right: Jane Kie Singleton, Hilda Hardesty, Postmistress; Dorothy Stephenson, Daisy Freeman. (Back Row): Gordon Barth, John Stephenson, Al Oakvid

POST OFFICE

Since the establishment of the Yucca Valley Post Office in November, 1945, there have been many changes in this High-Desert Community.

Postmaster Hilda Hardesty first opened for official business in her dining room, adjoining Hardesty's Market, with thirty post office boxes and a similar number of patrons to be served.

With the steady growth of the Valley, it wasn't long until Dorothy Stephenson was employed and a short time later Jane Kie Singleton joined the staff.

During the years, it was necessary to enlarge the post office quarters to cope with the increase in population.

In April, 1958, fire swept the premises and destroyed the interior of the building and temporary quarters were set up across the street with "Business as Usual" the day after the fire.

The present new building was finished within a few months and new employees joined the staff including Gordon Barth and later Al Oakvid.

A new era in postal service came with the inaugeration of partial house delivery service by mounted route Sept. 17, 1960 and carried by John Stephenson.

Despite the fact employees have had to weather fire, storm and even automobile invasions, the post office now boasts a personnel of six, in addition to the Postmaster, with Daisy Freeman the most recent to join the staff.

We have 723 lock boxes and always a waiting list. Approximately 225 families receive their mail through city delivery service and an estimated sixty families receive Star Route service delivered by the Star Route Carrier, Lloyd Havener. All of this, in addition to the many patrons serviced by the General Delivery Section. There is one public mail box in the plaza, and one located in front of the Post Office.

Postal Receipts of $17,720.77 for 1958 showed an increase to $28,947.43 for 1959 and another large increase in 1960 with total receipts of $37,750.32.

Yes, we are growing and growing fast. At the present rate, it would be difficult for Postmaster Hardesty to predict the progress and many new changes that are inevitable in 1961. And to quote Hilda, "If it hadn't been for the ever willing and capable employees, I sometimes doubt if I'd weathered some of the incidents."

GOLDEN AGE CLUB, INC.

The Golden Age Club, a non-profit philanthropic organization was incorporated under the laws of California, June 18, 1959. The club was founded by Maxine Crotsenburg of Morongo Valley for the purposes of entertainment and service for the senior citizens of the Hi-Desert area. John Clayton Marsh of Yucca Valley is currently serving as president.

Business meetings are held the second Friday of each month and social functions fall on the fourth Friday of each month. At the present all meetings are in Yucca Valley. Everyone entering the sunset years of their lives are eligible for membership and are cordially invited to visit and fellowship with the Golden Agers.

Directors of the Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital, Inc., on March 6, 1961 awarded Holland Paving Company the contract for site clearing, cutting, filling and compacting according to specifications set forth by the Hospital Planning and Engineering Co.

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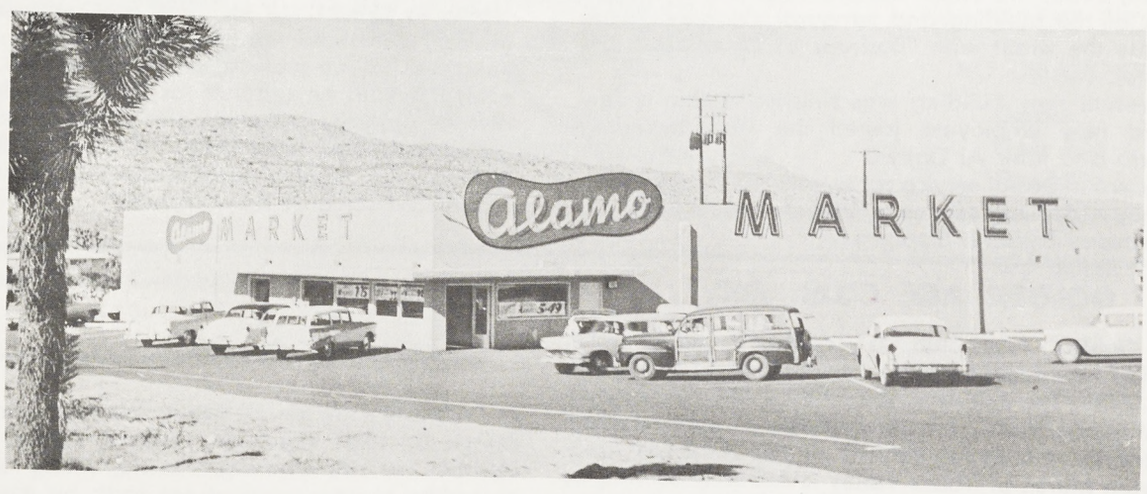

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ASSETS

Security 1st National Bank — Checking a/c	$ 591.64
Security 1st National Bank — Trustee a/c	30,708.12
Hospital Site — Land F.M.V.	50,026.25
Hospital Bldg. — Hospital Planning & Engineering Co.	3,450.00

DONATION 4 LOTS

Lot 29 Tract 6169	
Lot 41 Tract 3206	
Lot 20 Tract 6208	
Lot 39 Tract 4418 — San Bernardino County	9,030.00
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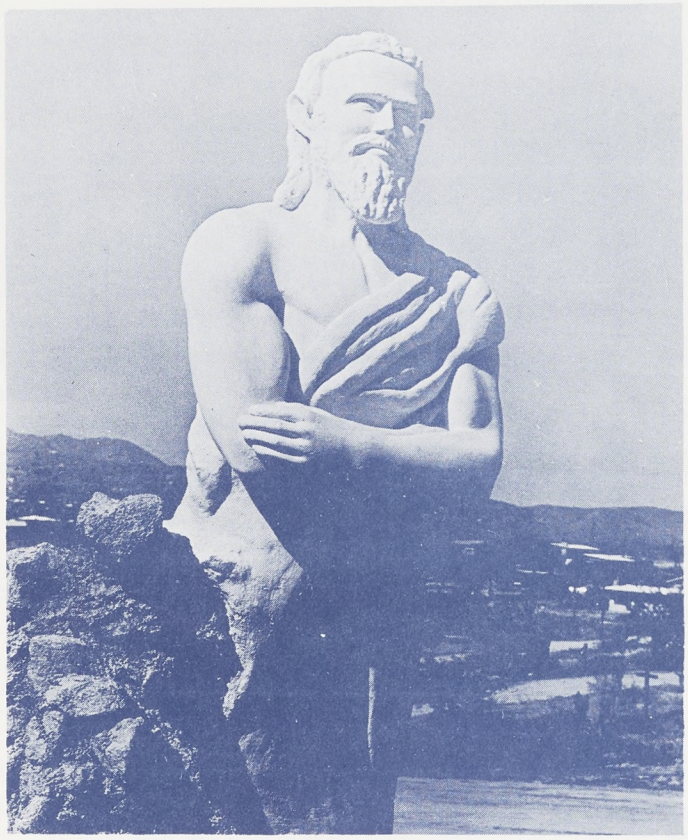

The creation of statuary depicting scenes enacted in the life and teachings of Christ goes on under the hand of Antone Martin, sculptor-artist, in a magnificent setting of desert mountain and Joshua Tree background. The nature of the terrain enhances the visibility of these massive white creations at a distance so that they more readily catch the eye of the casual visitor. The 31 finished statues, the commanding *Last Supper* set carved in bas-relief now combine with the latest addition, the *Mary* and *Martha* scene with *Christ* in an impressive panorama. The latter group especially appeals from afar with the figures in a patio backed by a curved rear wall while in front is a tall colonade of seven columns 40 feet long in modified Grecian style.

At present the Park of statuary, unique in the world, is a Park in search of a name befitting its national and world-wide status. Mr. Martin's presentation of scenes visualizing the written and spoken messages that teach the way to the Brotherhood of Man have given new vision to many thousands. Their startling realism out in the quiet of the desert has given life to words long known but that still remain words more than deeds in this troubled era. They are offered wholly without inference of creed, sect, individual belief or of belief at all.

Mr. Martin has been told by fellow-craftsmen of the arts that his techniques "can't be done" — the carving, the bonded white finish and more. He goes on unmindful of things that "can't be done. Can anyone say that the accomplishment of his life hope, *Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men*, can't be done? All who see can help. More than ever, they must.

WONDERLAND

A SYMPHONY OF THE PASS

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The Master Painter lightly touched this scene,
Etched trees 'gainst dimmed tumultous sky,
Cloud dip't, His brush strew'd shadows neath the glow
And stippled virgin white on forest green.
Then calm as a fulfilling anthem, lie
Two tracks in glist'ning snow.
Hushed rev'rence, for the Master Painter's skill,
Earth brushed with gentleness, the theme.
No other hand could quietness fresco
Nor trace rapt silence on a snowy hill,
Make stillness, deep as shadows, seem
A chapel in the snow.

THEN . . . AND . . . NOW

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So many stories have been told about Pioneertown that it would take volumes, just to deny the untrue. In the space alloted to me, I shall not attempt it, but one or two "whoppers," may be laid to rest.

To begin with, NO movie company or group of stars ever owned the town (rumors to the contrary), though many WESTERNS and some major productions have been filmed on its "Mane" Street. Why Mane? Surely we can spell. It's Mane for horses mane, for this, above all else is a horse (not one-horse) town. Its wide unpaved streets make the very best of bridle paths or trails, beloved by horsemen far and wide. And in our "Wild and Wolly" days very fine rodeos with big-name stars roped and rode, bulldogged and bloodied noses in our good rodeo grounds. And, just in case we had no big events scheduled, the local cow-pokes put on an entertaining "SHOWDEO" to the delight of visitors.

Dick Curtis, Big Bad man of silent day movies was founder of the town and the first president of Pioneertown Corporation. Pioneertown land was not easy to come by. The, then, 31,000 acres was partly government land and partly owned by Southern Pacific railways. It took some doing to get the deal through, but as a promoter Dick could not be beaten, and he was equal to the occasion. The tougher a problem the more determined he was to lick it, and nothing about this project was easy!

The site chosen for the Village was practically inaccessible by car, the road from Yucca Valley barely passable. Dirt, with a frequent splattering of falling rocks, it was steep, rocky and cursed by many! That Big Hill! Just west of the Mellette Ranch, this thing rose up and challenged you. If you were heavily loaded (we were usually LOADED in those days) you most likely had to walk up the "hill" and even more likely to have to push.

But what the town lacked in accessibility, it lavished in beauty. The town is a huge bowl and except for an east and west entrance is completely surrounded by hills, some nicely rolling, some high, craggy, jagged and rocky.

Dick Curtis, in his wisdom, foresight and desire to keep the town strictly western, decreed: "No pavements." Dirt roads and a "NO HOSSLESS KERRIGES ON MANE STREET," prevailed. Another must; the buildings on Mane street would have false fronts with the appearance of early western architecture; circa 1847-9, the Gold Rush Days. He also tabooed small lots, "Give a man elbow room," he said, and surveyed the lots into acre and a quarter parcels, and by restrictions, so they will remain, both in the Village and in Rimrock, a very lovely suburb of Pioneertown.

The school house, one of his early projects, was built almost all together with donated materials and labor. Many of us could come up at this time only on weekends, for the Townhouse was not completed, and there was no place to stay until you built your-whatever. The Althoff's spent the first winter in a tent on their lot, and it was a cold snowy one — they nearly froze, but persisted. It was great fun for all of us to leave behind our onerous jobs in the city, race to the desert, don jeans and grab hammer and nails to help build the school house. It opened early in '48 with 30 pupils and with Pearl Jones, now teaching in Yucca Valley elementary schools, as teacher. There was only one shower in town — at the Red Dog Saloon. We lined up and took turns, after a day playing carpenter.

The town newspaper bloomed about this time and later in '48 blossomed into a lovely "Pictorial." The originals are a "find" now and much sought after by old-timers who carelessly tossed them away then, thinking this would last forever. It was edited in its own building on Mane

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with its title, "Pioneertown Gazette" emblazoned on the high false front.

Next after the land office, the Red Dog was the first business to open its doors. On weekends your quarter went hand-over-hand to the bartender who shuttled the bottle back the same way, for they were twenty deep around the bar. Don Kokx, now of Joshua Tree was one of the first owners, now owned by Val Jones, oldest business on the street.

Pioneertown was booming and other businesses came fast and opened with a "BANG" — for there was an unwritten law that each businessman must open with a huge "On-The-House" party-opening. Some of these will go down as "events" in history!

This was, beyond any question the wildest, busiest and zaniest town extant. Anything could happen, and did. The winter of 47-48 was almost unbelievable in its fervor and hilarity. Crowds, and surprisingly peaceful and law-abiding crowds they were, jammed the fun-places and milled around in the street. Everyone was rich and happy! Partly because this was a "right-after-the-war" frenzy, and partly because fun was plentyful and deversified.

By early '48, twenty-six businesses were going full blast on the street. The beautiful Golden Stallion Restaurant was crowded to capacity — and the staff dreadfully overworked keeping up with the gayity—incessant and intense. The Townhouse was forever hanging out the "no rooms" sign.

Pioneer Bowl, the first bowling alley on the Hi-Desert became a favorite spot immediately and was always going full-blast, whether leagues or open bowling was spinning the balls and pins klinkty-klank over the howl of a loud juke box.

Skare's BBQ, got so many gnawed ribs piled up in the back yard they had to get trucks to haul them away.

Trigger Bill's Shottin' Gallery kept guns popping day and night, much to the dismay of some of us who couldn't tell if it was the galley guns or the sheriff after us — again.

Big dances filled the huge Silver Dollar, later the Sound Stage, to overflowing with western music, yippees from cowboys and poping corks out into the exquisite, softly bright moonlight nights. And above all, the CHUG-CHUG of the motor in our power house that tried to keep us blazing like Reno, but more often left us searching for candles and matches.

There were many small businesses; a good filling station, a fine grocery with almost super-market choices, a Frosted Pantry, an electric shop, Kathy's Coffee Shop, the Wooden Indian with magazines, that served as post office for over a year; the barber shop with Cecil who advertised: "why go else where to get clipped;" the Clip and Curl where you had to make appointments two weeks in advance, the Althoff Furniture Store where son, Jim Sullivan fresh out of school, sold furniture, laid title, and played boogie-woggie nights at the Red Dog. As we say now, "THEM WERE THE DAYS!"

But early in the year of 1948, "came the deluge." The black days that forced the resignation of Dick Curtis, the downfall of the town and the collapse of the corporation. Russ Hayden, movie star was elected as the second president, and tried valiently to pull the thing together, all to no avail. Tears were shed. Prayers were said, on the one hand. On the other there were cursings and revilings — this too, to no avail.

Well, it is trite, but true, "Time Marches On." In September, 1948, California Electric started putting in a power line over the hill. In October they turned on the "juice," and the happy chug-chug of our power plant silenced forever.

In December, 1948 the first movie was "shot" on Mane street. Many residents took parts and overnight became fullblown HAMS.

In 1951 the county started cutting down our "hill," and by October had paved the road from Yucca to Pioneertown. Upon completion of the paving, "Tommy" Thompson of Pioneer Bowl threw a party of appreciation for the road-gang and local people, which will long be remembered. We "howled" all afternoon and all night.

NOW: We are sometimes referred to as a ghost town. A GHOST TOWN? Hardly! We're the livest and noisest ghosts you'll find. With big banquets going on in the Golden Stallion, with our own Frankie Gee host, serving those delicious Chinese dinners to moist and gay crowds; with pins and bowling balls rolling to the tune of a loud Juke Box, and the clink of glasses at the bar; and with the Red Dog jumping to western music while JONSEY holds forth on how he whips up a bowl of his famous tripe or steams up his savory stew. Now I ask you, do we sound like ghosts? Our town is dotted with lovely homes and the happiest of people.

Weekends we get many great crowds from groups of horsemen. The ETI simply loves it here. And we get a number of horsemen clubs and saddle clubs from all over the state. Two years ago we angled the ETI State Ride and Convention for our little town, and that's something, when large towns are bidding for them. Last year we had the Sheriff's Areo Squadron of 18 western states here for a weekend, they had a ball, sure enough! They filled the huge Sound Stage for their dance.

We are truly Hi-Desert, altitude 4000, and our climate can't be beaten — or even matched, unless you want to go to Spain. All our visitors rave over the beauty of this part of the desert, mountains, valleys, smooth or rugged, gemmed with the beautiful Joshua Trees and pinons. And if you want to see something really "out of this world," try one of our MOONLIGHT nights. You'll want to settle here.

So — on we go, no time to cry over spilt stocks! Get out and re-coupe that fortune — for one of these fair days, we know beyond any doubt, lady fortune will smile on us again. On with the dance, have fun!

Our county road sign at the entrance to town says: Population, GENIAL. THAT'S US, FOLKS.

RIMROCK

About four miles to the north and west of Pioneertown Village lies Rimrock, a suburb of the Village and part of the vast Pioneertown properties. The name tells the story — for situation. A jewel rimmed with splendid rocky hills — a Sleeping Beauty of more than three hundred potential homes, waiting for its Price Charming.

It was subdivided at the same time as the Village, into one and a quarter and five acre parcels, and if bad times had not come upon us, it would no doubt be today a sister-city, though the original idea was a fine residential section of more secluded homes, much as Smoke Tree is to Twenty-nine Palms. It spreads and winds along Pioneer Pass, just before the Pass enters the canyon leading to pinon covered hills thence to the mountains leading into Big Bear.

A number of die-hards in their pretty homes dot the hillsides or hug the Pass, one day to become valuable highway frontage. Rimrock has but one business, a quaint and very nice motel, owned and operated by Louise and Dan Pekarovich, who were among the first settlers.

The climate is much the same as the Village, but the altitude is higher, being from 4,500 feet up.

Beauty is there, almost to being awe-inspiring, especially a sunset, which usually comes in "double-feature," if there are a few clouds to the east, the sunset is reflected in all its glory and is a painters dream.

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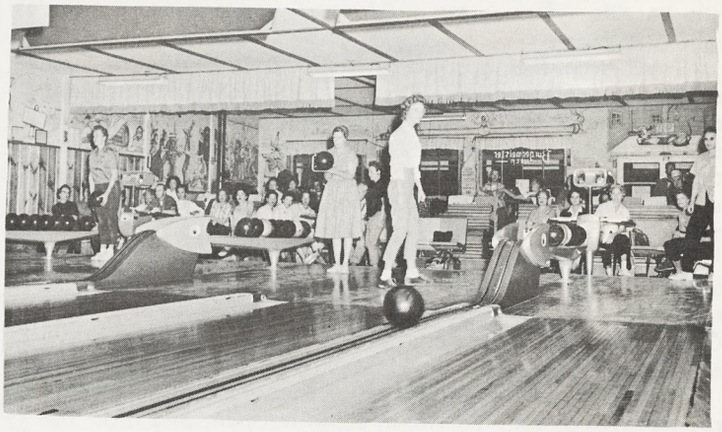

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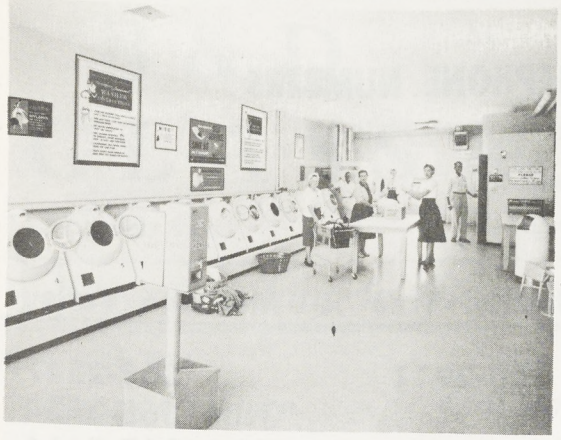

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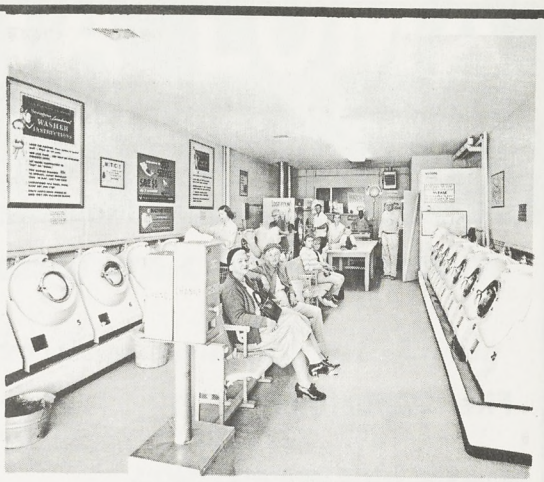

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The growth can be best illustrated in the number of meters that have gone into use since Calectric took over the Wilkoff Electric Power business in 1944. At that time there were 370 meters in use compared to 5,865 at the end of 1960, an increase of just under 4,500 in 16 years.

In 1946 there were 468 meters in service throughout the Valley and power was supplied from diesel-electric generators. Since then lines were constructed from the Calectric sub-station at Garnet. There was a steady increase of 200 to 400 meters each year until 1954 and 1955. In those two years about 1000 meters were added to the lines.

The following year tapered off to 200. Then, from 1957 on, the biggest population shift to the High Desert was reflected when about 2100 meters were added in the four year period through 1960.

At the end of last year there were 675 meters in Morongo Valley, 1365 in Yucca Valley, 975 at Joshua Tree and 2850 at Twentynine Palms.

Calectric maintains two offices in this area. Its district office, managed by J. H. Haag, is located at Twentynine Palms.

A second office, supervised by R. L. Nordyke, is maintained at Yucca Valley for the convenience of electric users in this area.

Calectric recently expanded its Yucca Valley facilities by constructing a warehouse and storage yard at the rear of its office at 76143 Twentynine Palms Highway.

At that time, a construction crew and truck were assigned to the office, bringing to eight the number of full-time Calectric employees in the area. In addition there are two part-time employees.

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Rescue Unit (Yucca Valley)	365-3211	365-3211	365-3211
School	----------	----------	----------
Library (Yucca Valley)	365-5384	365-5384	365-5384
Airport	365-9860	365-9860	365-9860
Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital	365-3255	365-3255	365-3255
Post Office	----------	----------	----------
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Several meetings have been held, the membership is growing, so watch this group and their plans for the future. This group has been meeting the second Tuesdays of each month, taking turns at each others homes.

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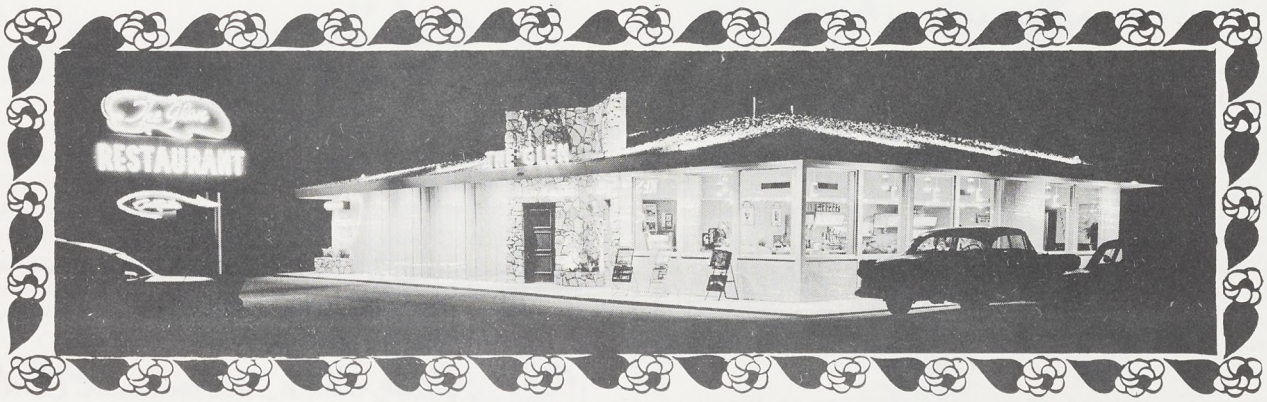

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"PIONEER HACKS"

"Pioneer Hacks", the desert's first writer's club was formed on the night of January 11, 1961 in picturesque old Pioneertown, California. Pioneertown is an old movie set where a good number of Westerns have been made through the years. It is ideal as a locale for inspiration and work for artists of all kinds.

Alice (Honey) Fellers is the chief scribe and John Clayton Marsh the associate scribe. Howard Clark, ex-magazine editor and author of the book "Lost Mines of The Old West" is the consultant. With his many years of experience in the writing field he is invaluable to the group of aspiring writers.

Membership is open to any one desiring to break in to the creative writing field and willing to work long hard hours, as this is a writers workshop, where manuscripts are read aloud to the group with round-table discussions to point up the weak or strong elements of the material submitted for analysis.

The twelve members who formed the club are quite a diversified group of quill pushers, who are aspiring to specialize in all types of writing such as short stories, poetry, confessions, T.V. and newspaper work and a few admit their book length ambitions.

"The Pioneer Hacks" meet weekly on Thursday at 7 P.M. at the Memorial Hospital Headquarters at the Plaza. At a date to be announced later, "The Pioneer Pass" headquarters building on old Mane Street in Pioneertown will be their permanent home. Information on any aspect of the club's activities may be obtained through the secretary, Mrs. Gertrude Crawford, P.O. Box 953, Yucca Valley, Calif.

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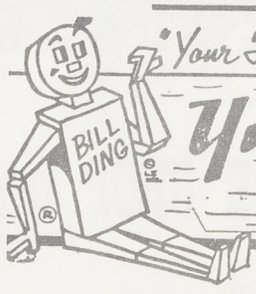

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JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL MONUMENT AND DESERT AREA PHOTO CONTEST EXHIBIT

The wonders of the great desert playground area of California and Nevada will be the subject of a photographic contest exhibit to be held in Twentynine Palms, California from April 1 thru 30, 1961 at the El Adobe Hotel. This exhibit is sponsored by the Hi-Desert Memorial Hospital Inc. of Yucca Valley. Anyone may enter the contest and the photographic area to be covered is The Mojave Desert, The Joshua Tree National Monument and The Colorado Desert. Any photos that you have taken or plan to take in this area will be welcomed by the photo selection committee.

The subject is big and extends from Lone Pine in the Northwest to Jacumba in the Southwest then east to the Colorado river and north to Mesquite Arizona then west back to Lone Pine. Trace this area on a map and you will find that it includes Death Valley National Monument, The Joshua Tree National Monument, The Greater Morongo Basin, Anza State Park in Borrego Valley, Salton Sea, Algodones Sand Dunes, Coachella Valley, Lake Havasu, Lake Mead and many other places of interest that have never been photographed. All photos should be 11" x 14" or larger mounted on white card with a border ready to exhibit. Color prints may be 5" x 7" or larger. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. The judges will be John Hilton, Elsinore Machris and Earl Cordrey.

The purpose of this exhibit is to present to you our desert playground area as seen by the eye of the photographer and the lens of the camera and also to help raise money to build a non-profit community hospital serving the entire high desert in Yucca Valley. A fifty-cent donation will be accepted from visitors to the exhibit.

Because of the enormous variety of photographic material in this area an exhibit of this nature will be a yearly event, so keep your camera ready for action.

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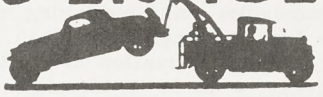

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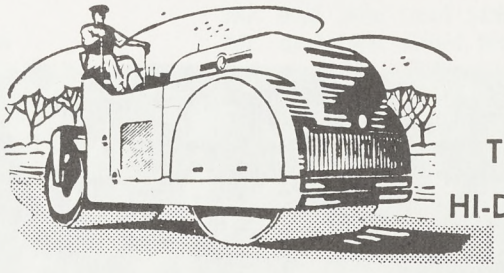

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In the past year a neighborhood park has been under development bringing to the residents a recreation area for young and old. A lath house and barbecue with picnic tables make picnicking most enjoyable. While children enjoy the fun of swings, tether-ball and sand box, growing trees add beauty to the recreation area. Residents of this chosen valley take great pride in its development. Water pipes were laid and trees planted by group cooperation.

Each day begins with a sunrise in the east that blazes forth in all its glory to bathe the valley in its warmth. Each sunset is like a shuttling kaleidoscope of prismatic color, finally blanketing the surrounding hills in rich hues of blues and purples, gradually darkening to lay at rest under the firmament of shining stars that glow over a peaceful valley in sleep.

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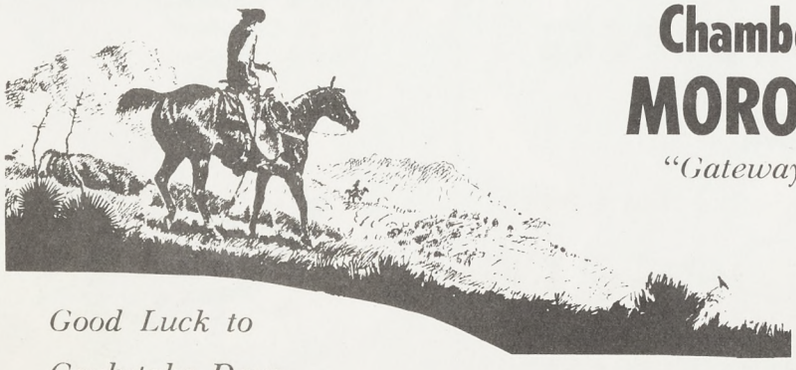

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The National Monument of 29 Palms will be assisting in the actives of the clubs.

The Chairman of San Bernardino County Garden Clubs, Inc. is Mrs. Margaret Cruise of 35090 Ave. G, Yucaipa, California.

The first club to join the organization was the Palm Wells Garden Club, The Yucca Valley Garden Club and the 29 Palms Club have applied.

Three clubs may form a district but as many more that wish may be included in the district.

The purpose of the Federation is to promote knowledge, beauty and all worthwhile projects of the area.

Anyone wishing information may contact any of the above clubs, or Mrs. Margaret Cruise at the above mentioned address.

MARIE A. LAMBERT,
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MORONGO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

The Morongo Valley Community Services District was voted into existence in July, 1958, embracing most of the community of Morongo Valley.

The District was established primarily for the purpose of defining the boundaries of the community and to provide a form of local self-government as well as to furnish certain necessary services. Community Service Districts are a comparatively new concept, providing for most of the functions of an incorporated city which may be activated as the need and finances come into balance.

Surprisingly, the first function of the District to be activated was street lights for the more important intersections along the highway, making Morongo Valley the first community in this area to have street lights.

July 1, 1959, the Morongo Valley Volunteer Fire Company turned over its assets to the District and became the Fire Department of the District. By becoming a tax-supported unit, it was possible to provide much badly-needed equipment and to permit the firemen to devote their energies to training and fire-fighting rather than to raising funds.

Efforts on the part of a small group of people to dissolve the District resulted in a special election in July, 1960, to decide the question of whether or not the District had proven its worth. The District was retained by better than three to one vote.

The Morongo Valley Community Services District is governed by a board of five directors, who are elected by and responsible to the voters residing within the District. Public meetings of the board are held on the first Friday evening of each month in the District Office.

A major project of the Morongo Valley Community Services District was the erection of a Municipal Building, containing space for a fire station, branch library, and District office, which was formally dedicated on July 1, 1960.

A third fire truck was purchased by the District in January, 1961, and efforts are now being made to construct a second fire station in the east half of the community, on land purchased for a very reasonable sum from Homestead Supplies Company.

The south half of Section 15, originally excluded from the District, was annexed in 1960 and another annexation of territory is now being requested by a group of people in Section 12.

Formation of a Special Improvement District to provide water to a group of five-acre Government tracts is also being discussed by the people concerned, but the project has not yet been presented to the Board for consideration.

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12:30 Lunch time,
1:00 Official opening of Turtle Races. Flag Salute.
2:00 Joshua Tree Crawl (under 8 in. only)
2:15 Special Events. Interesting displays.
2:30 Hidden River Run (for the big ones)
3:00 Homsteaders Special (If you don't have a turtle be sure to get one from the corral.)
3:15 Special Events. Visit Booths.
3:30 Sunfair Strut (for all turtles)
8:00 Turtle Toddle Dance
Be sure to keep your winner for the sweepstakes tomorrow.

SUNDAY

10:30 Beginners Trot. (for kids with small turtles)
10:45 Visit exhibits and booths.
11:00 Morongo Meander (turtles all sizes)
11:30 Yucca Yaw. (Jockeys 12 years and under)
12:00 Time out for lunch. Local cafes and booths.
1:00 Pioneertown Roundup. (for big tough tortoise)
1:15 Art Contest Awards.
1:30 Panorama Paddle (for all sizes)
2:00 29 Palms Toddle. (turtles 8 in. and under)
2:15 Special Attraction
2:30 Western Wobble.
2:45 Special Events & Booths.
3:00 Last Chance. Winners get ready for run-off.
3:30 Grand National Sweepstakes. (Open to Winners only)

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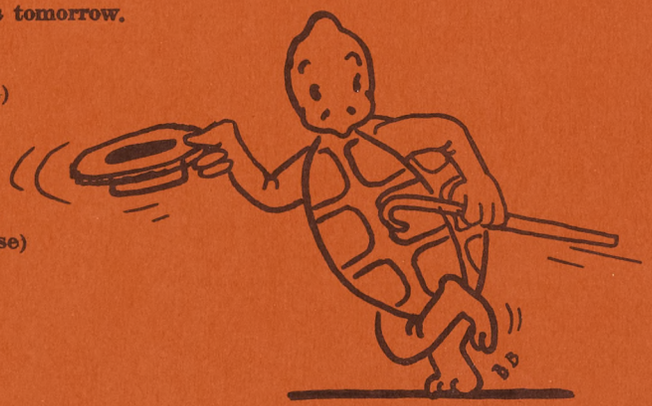

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ELECTRIC METERS	600
CHURCHES	2
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ENROLLMENT	155
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THEATRES	1 (Located between Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley
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FIRE DISTRICT	8 square miles
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